



**GHANA NATIONAL STATEMENT BY**  
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**FOR THE INTERIOR, GHANA**  
**AT THE**  
**BERLIN CONFERENCE ON THE DESTRUCTION**  
**OF**  
**CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

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**Ministers,  
Excellencies,  
Government Experts,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Ghana, I would like to warmly thank the Government of Germany for organising this all-important Conference on the Destruction of Cluster Munitions. We consider this conference crucial for the achievement of the humanitarian goals that we have set for ourselves.**

**A peaceful world, where the security of the human being is paramount has been the bedrock of my country's foreign policy.**

**Government of Ghana appreciates the efforts and commitment of the German Government in**

**organising this important Conference, to share expertise with the rest of the world. Our concern however is that lives and limbs are being lost daily and this is because the Convention has not obtained the 30 ratifications required to trigger it into force. This suffering we consider needless.**

**The Ghana delegation therefore urges countries to take steps to ratify the Convention, a condition precedent for the Convention on Cluster Munitions to have a legally binding effect.**

**Ghana government on her part has submitted the request for ratification to our Parliament and will be depositing the instrument of ratification with the UN very shortly.**

**Furthermore our delegation is of the view that the signing of the Treaty in Oslo was not the end of the road. We need to get the necessary ratifications to make the provisions of the Convention binding to prevent more human misery.**

**I thank you for giving me the floor.**