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**ANGOLAN POSITION AFTER SIGNATURE OF OSLO
DECLARATION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

First of all, I would like to congratulate the people and Government of Germany and Norway for hosting and sponsoring this important Berlin Conference on the Destruction of Clusters Munitions.

Mr Co-Chair, since the first meeting held in Oslo from 22-23 February 2007, Angola participated and from then onwards the Angolan delegation attended all preparatory meetings for the drafting of a Convention on Cluster Munitions with exception of the Dublin meeting.

As a result of that and being aware of the crucial importance of this Convention, Angola was one of the first to sign the Oslo Declaration on the 3st December 2008 and since then has doubled its efforts to determine the scope of the problem in the country.

For this effect, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs some contacts have been established with the Ministry of Defence and the General Army Chief of Staff to get a full report and inventory on Clusters Munitions to find mechanisms for the identification, enumeration and destruction.

Angola is expected to give significant steps for the ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, as soon as there is a clear picture of the dimension of the problem in the country..

Thank you