

Intervention of Somalia Federal Government Delegation

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Mr. Chairman, Excellences, Ambassadors and Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour to speak before you today. On behalf of the Federal Government of Somalia let me take this opportunity to thank you all. Somalia is grateful of the support from the international community to stabilize the country and fight the extremist insurgent Al-Shabaab. In this regard, a special gratitude goes to the African Union peacekeeping mission AMISOM and UNSOM and our forces that fight alongside AMISOM.

The Council of Ministers of the Federal Government of Somalia has approved the national disability policy and national policy on humanitarian explosive management as well. It is important to mention that the Prime Minister of the Federal Government, H.E Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, has ratified yesterday the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). I would like to recall this assembly that in the Art.7 Report of the MBT submitted by our Government in March 2013, we declared that we will ratify the CRPD by 2015 and despite the situation we are going through we managed to respect our promise. Also, Somalia has ratified recently the Cluster Munitions Convention.

Mr. Chairman, Somalia has to answer to all the obligations of the Conventions ratified and without the support of the International Community it cannot undertake this task alone. The

Somalia is here to ask the participation in the decision making process on projects related to the removal of hazards whether through the Voluntary Trust Fund or bilaterally and to build a national capacity to tackle the explosive hazards contamination problem.

Mr. Chairman, the tasks to secure and stabilize this region are not an easy one and we fully understand that. But the challenges ahead will not match our firm commitments to make a better region with enduring public institutions that are transparent and accountable. As a Government, we are confident that we will fulfill our mandate pertaining to explosive hazards management to bring about safer communities by increasing our cooperation and enhancing our working relationship with all stakeholders.

We thank all donors' community, the European Union and all others engaged to help Somalia.