

**Statement of the Chairman on MSP CCM 2017**

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Mr. President

Allow me express my sincere appreciation to the Government and the beloved people of Switzerland on conducting this important occasion. And since it is a first time for me to take the floor I would like to congratulate you on assuming the presidency of the 7<sup>th</sup> MSP.

Cluster Munitions and anti personnel land mines do seriously pose an unimaginable risk to the lives of innocent people (women, children and old age) in the infested Nations. They Impede development in the targeted areas. It was an excellent decision to stop production, use and transfer of those unforgiving devices. I wonder why people do resort to the use of such arms when Wars and battles have never been won through their application. They always result in killing those who have never been their target. We all agree Ladies and Gentlemen to let the world be completely free from the York of those weapons.

Ladies and Gentlemen, my country South Sudan recognizes the role and efforts which are being under taken by the international community in prohibiting

production and the use of cluster bombs and chemical weapons. In the Council of Minister's meeting last Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017 South Sudan unanimously decided to fully accede and comply to the norms and terms upon which these two conventions were initiated. We are now members of this world respectable bodies (the CCM and CCW). We will adhere to all that is required from each and every member state to do. Let us join hands to prevent their production, the use and their transfers and also convince those countries who are still hesitant to follow the suit. This world will be much safer only if it is a cluster munitions, Chemical weapons and APLM free world.

Thank you very much

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