Mr. President,

[Content of the document continues with a proposal to promote national reporting.]

reports since its accession in 2008. National regulations to realize the implementation of EFW and submit the national report to the Committee on Environmental Protection are necessary. The Republic of Korea has established relevant humanitarian damages caused by explosive remnants of war and cluster munitions. My government associates itself with the overall efforts of States Parties to address these issues.

Mr. President,

Sponsorship Program this year continue to support the universalization of Protocol V by taking part in the CCW and other relevant meetings. The Republic of Korea will continue to contribute to the discussion and cooperation.

Mr. President,

Let me congratulate you on your assumption of the presidency. My delegation looks forward to welcoming the recent accession of States including Core to Protocol V.

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Mines and other explosive remnants of war inflict humanitarian damages on civilians, and, at the same time, they continue to hinder states from achieving their economic and social development goals. To tackle these challenges, the Republic of Korea strives to provide assistance in the interest of the needs of affected States, as stipulated in Article 7. In the same vein, we support the UN General Assembly Resolution 70/80 “Assistance in Mine Action.”

In particular, Korea is sponsoring UNMAS Program in Afghanistan with an amount of 2 million dollars in 2016, which centers upon education for women and children along with its focal project on the removal of mines and other ERW. The program is also designed to build local governments’ capacity to conduct monitoring, removing and destroying of ERW. Apart from this, the Republic of Korea has made contribution of approximately 9 million dollars to the UN Voluntary Trust Fund so far in assisting countries including Iraq, Lebanon, Colombia, Afghanistan and Palestine, while promoting bilateral cooperation with Vietnam and Laos in the field of victim assistance and removal of unexploded ordnance.

Mr. President,

Under the goal of risk reduction of ERW, the armed forces of the Republic of Korea have continued their efforts for strengthening generic preventive measures pursuant to Article 9 and the Technical Annex of the Protocol since the enhanced regulations of ammunition stockpiles management came into effect in 2011. In light of this, the Republic of Korea welcomes the voluntary sharing of state parties' national practices under the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG).

Last but not least, the Republic of Korea highly values the crucial role that Protocol V has played so far in alleviating sufferings caused by ERW and preventing further damages. At this juncture, we fully commend and support the coordinator's reports and recommendations including the proposal of convening a workshop on Article 4* in 2017. Thank you, Mr. President. /End/