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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you with regards to your letter dated January 30th, 2009, seeking information on the Republic of Argentina's position concerning the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions.

In this regard, upon instructions from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I'd like to transmit the following:

- a) At present, the Republic of Argentina doesn't have cluster munitions, it hasn't utilized or transferred them.
- b) Notwithstanding the Argentinean support to the process of interdiction of cluster munitions, the Republic of Argentina didn't sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions on the occasion of the Oslo Conference (December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008).
- c) The issue remains under active consideration in the context of the negotiations of Protocol VI to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1980.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest consideration.



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