



*The Permanent Representative of Portugal  
to the United Nations*

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New York, 3 March, 2009

Subject: Portugal's position on the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions

*Dear Mr. Goose,*

With a reference to your letter dated 30 January 2009 on the above referred subject, I wish to inform you that Portugal signed the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions and intends to ratify it as soon as possible. The procedures for ratification are already underway.

Portugal has never produced or transferred cluster munitions. Except for the purpose of training of our Armed Forces, we have never used them.

We have stockpiled 11 cluster bombs type BL755, which have already been removed and earmarked for destruction. Stockpile destruction is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

Yours Sincerely,

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