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**United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon Michael Williams  
Message on Lebanon's Ratification of the Oslo Convention Against Cluster Munitions  
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United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Mr. Michael Williams, warmly welcomed the Lebanese Parliament's decision yesterday to approve the ratification of the Oslo Convention (2008), which bans the use and production of cluster munitions.

"This is a very important signal of Lebanon's commitment to international law and will reinforce the international will to ban these deadly devices," Mr. Williams said today. Adopted in May 2008, the Convention became binding international law when it entered into force on 1 August 2010. Lebanon will become one of 39 states that have ratified the convention; 108 other countries are signatories.

The UN Special Coordinator also took the opportunity to encourage donors from the international community to step up their assistance to Lebanon and to the Lebanese Mine Action Center in order to clear Lebanon of the remaining cluster bombs on its territory.

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