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Dear Mr Morales Dávila,

I am addressing this letter to Nicaragua in its capacity as **President of the Eighth Meeting of States Parties (8MSP) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)**. I would like to first congratulate Nicaragua on the way it is handling this important function and underline my confidence that under its leadership the Convention will make significant progress.

Switzerland considers the CCM to be a key disarmament instrument. This treaty effectively addresses the significant humanitarian consequences and unacceptable harm caused by a weapon that affects civilian population indiscriminately. Accordingly, Switzerland has long actively supported the CCM, and intend to pursue its engagement in the future.

In this context, I would like to inform you that **Switzerland would be both available to and interested in assuming the Presidency of the 2nd Review Conference of the Convention**, which is set to occur in 2020.

The 2nd Review Conference will constitute a key milestone in the life of the convention, taking place ten years after its entry into force and providing guidance to the Convention on the way forward. I am therefore informing you of our interest in assuming the presidency of this event at an early stage as I believe that this could be beneficial to planning and preparing for this event.

I would be grateful if you could consider our expression of interest to assume the CCM 2nd Review Conference presidency and inform the wider community of CCM States Parties thereof. I also remain available, should you want to discuss this matter further with me.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the Conference on Disarmament

Sabrina Dallafior
Ambassador