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Statement on Stockpile Destruction by Germany

During this year's first Intersessional Meeting, Germany reported its efforts and current figures on stockpile destruction as of 31 May 2011. Today I would like to take the opportunity to provide an update on progress made on stockpile destruction between 1 June 2011 and 31 August 2011.

Within this period of three months, Germany has destroyed a further amount of more than 18,000 cluster munitions containing more than 2,000,000 explosive submunitions. Including those figures, we have - all in all - destroyed more than 340,000 cluster munitions and 33,000,000 explosive submunitions since the beginning of our national destruction programme in 2001. This amounts to 63% or almost two thirds of Germany's former cluster munition stockpiles as declared in our initial Article 7 report.

We therefore remain confident to fulfil our destruction obligation by the end of the year 2015, three years in advance of our Article 3 deadline.