

2012 Intersessional Meeting of the Convention on Cluster Munitions



Statement on Stockpile Destruction

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Ministry of Defense of Bosnia and Herzegovina/Armed Forces were responsible for stockpile management of cluster munitions in our country. The information presented is the information on the stockpiles of MoD.

I deliberately used the past tense in the previous sentence, as Bosnia and Herzegovina has completed its stockpile destruction programme by the end of 2011.

In terms of the practical implementation of the provisions of the Convention related to the destruction of CM, the following types and amounts of cluster munitions were declared as being stockpiled by Armed Forces of BH and designated for destruction (the following information differs from the information presented during last year's session on SD, as some of the numbers and types previously stated were confirmed as air bombs, and not cluster munitions):

- M93 120mm – 52 pieces
- M87 262mm – 56 pieces
- BL 755 – 321 pieces

In line with the MoD Decision for the destruction of high risk ammunition, all cluster munitions stated above were destroyed during the period August-December 2011, thus falling in line with our statement on SD from 2011 Intersessionals.

All cluster munitions were destroyed locally, on Glamoc training ground, with the financial assistance provided by the UNDP. The destruction process was performed by open delaboration method in adherence with all relevant limitations and standards prescribed for this method of destruction.

The total value of the destruction process was estimated at around \$850,000.

By carrying out the control and technical check up in the aftermath of the destruction process (end of 2011), a further 4 pieces of 120mm cluster mines were identified and will be destroyed accordingly.

The Armed Forces of B-H do not intend to keep any cluster munitions for training or research purposes.

I thank you for your attention!