

## **Italy**

### **Intervention on Stockpile Destruction**

Thank you Madam coordinator, under your leadership,

We are pleased to share some information concerning the Italian accomplishment with regards to art. 3 of the convention.

The destruction of the stockpiles of cluster munitions started before Italy became member of the Convention, when, on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2011, the instrument of ratification was deposited by the Italian authorities.

The law of ratification, passed by an overwhelming majority of the Parliament, allocated financial resources for a 5 years plan of destruction activities, from 2011 to 2015. Later on, a new plan was drafted with the aim of reducing from 5 to 4 years the period of time to complete the destruction of Italian stockpile, which initially consisted of 610 MK20 Rockeye (*ai*) bombs, 414 RBL 755 and 4.044 M26 rockets.

In this framework, a very good and concrete news is that the entire stock of the aerial bombs MK20 and RBL 755, have been already destroyed.

As to the 4.044 M26 rockets, 14% of the stock were disassembled last year, 18% are going to be disassembled during the current year, 27% in 2013 and 41% 2014.

1% of the more that 2 millions of resulted submunitions were destroyed last year, 27% are going to be destroyed this year, 31% in 2013 and 41% in 2014. At the end of the process, 720 M26 rockets will be transformed in M28 practice rockets.

To conclude, madame coordinator, allow me to underline that, according with this plan, art. 3 obligations will be totally accomplished in 2014, while the destruction process is conducting in a safe and environmentally aware way.

Thank you for your attention.