

*Statement by Sweden, agenda item "Stockpile destruction
and retention"*

Mr. President,

Sweden is due to submit the initial article 7 transparency report in March next year. In the meantime, please allow me to make a few remarks regarding Sweden's possession of the cluster munitions weapons system "BK 90" and the dismantling process – figures that have been classified up till now.

In 1992, a total of 370 BK 90 systems were procured by the Swedish Armed Forces. These systems consisted of 17761 MJ1 4 kg sub-munitions and 2960 MJ2 18 kg sub-munitions.

The process of dismantling the BK 90 systems has started and is expected to be finalized well within the time frame established in the Convention. To date 57 units have been dismantled. Sweden plans to retain a handful of sub-munitions for training purposes, in accordance with the Convention. Let me add in this context that there are no cluster munitions remnants in Sweden.

We will report further on this issue in the initial transparency report.

Thank you, Mr. President