

*CCM 4MSP*

*Statement by SWEDEN on agenda item "Stockpile Destruction and Retention"*

Thank you Madam President,

I wish to extend our thanks to you and to the co-ordinators of this session for all the work done in preparation for this discussion.

As reported earlier, the Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force for Sweden on 1 October 2012. Consequently, we provided our initial report per 30 March 2013 which is posted on the Convention's website.

In our report, we give the following information regarding *Stockpile Destruction and Retention*. Sweden has started dismantling the BK M90 Cluster Munition. This is done at SAAB Aerotech in Arboga, Sweden. The metallic hull and the ejection modules are sent to the company Kuusakoski in Skelleftehamn, Sweden for defragmentation. Batteries are activated, discharged and sent to the company Sakab AB in Kumla, Sweden for final storage. A contract for destruction of all parts containing explosives will be signed when all explosive devices are gathered. All other parts will be destructed by various companies according to existing contracts. To date, more than 60 % of all BK M90 Cluster Munitions have been dismantled.

125 explosive submunitions will be retained. These retained submunitions will be used for training personnel in destruction techniques on live ammunition, as it is crucial for such training to include the handling of live explosives.

Thank you, Madam President, for your attention.