Mr. President,

we would just like to provide an update on our process of stockpile destruction.

Since the 4th Meeting of States Parties, Italy has destroyed 1008 rockets M26 and 745.752 submunitions. Furthermore, Italy has decided to destroy 570 M26 rockets initially planned to be converted into M28 training rockets.

The stockpile that remains to be destroyed includes therefore the above mentioned 570 M26 rockets and 367.080 submunitions.

As we had said in our general statement, our process of stockpile destruction is on track for completion by 2015, three years ahead of the deadline foreseen by the Convention.

Thank you.