Thank you Mr./Madam Coordinator.

From 1st January until 1st September 2016, we had eight demining projects which are connected solely with UXO clearance, including specific cluster munitions areas as well, with a total demined area of 1.99 km². This surface consists of one project in Lika-Senj County (25.558 m²), four projects in Split-Dalmatia County of a total 867.207 m² and three projects in Zadar County of a total 1.1 km² in size. All mentioned projects resulted together with 269 Kb-1 type bomblets found and destroyed on site.

Furthermore, it is important to emphasize that we had to include new cluster munitions contaminated areas in three counties - Lika-Senj County (28.197 m²), Split-Dalmatia County (34.369 m²) and Zadar County (31.704 m²).

Moreover, current cluster munitions contaminated areas in Croatia, although reduced in comparison to 2.6 km² reported at the end of 2015, still stretch along four counties. The mentioned areas are clearly and visibly marked with 179 warning signs.

We will continue to provide detailed information about clearance of the known cluster munitions contaminated areas, as well as on the newly included cluster munitions contaminated areas, in our annual reports.

Thank you.