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Statement on Storage and stockpile destruction by JAPAN

Thank you, Mr. President.

At the outset, we would like to commend France and Mexico for their coordinating work on storage and stockpile destruction and to congratulate those States Parties which have completed the destruction of their stockpiles of cluster munitions since the 1st Review Conference.

As mentioned in the Geneva Progress report, many States Parties with obligations under Article 3 have fulfilled their obligations. As we have announced before, Japan completed the destruction of its stockpiles of cluster munitions in February last year and, since then, we have not retained any stocks of cluster munitions even for training and research purposes.

Mr. President,

Article 3 is one of the key obligations in order to achieve the main purpose of the Convention. The completion of this obligation prevents not only further use of cluster munitions, but also increasing the number of new victims and casualties.

We would like to strongly encourage those States Parties concerned to take necessary steps to complete the destruction of its stockpiles of cluster munitions by their deadlines.

Thank you, Mr. President.