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	<p>Bulgaria</p> <p>Signed: 3 December 2008 Ratified: 6 April 2011 Entered into force: 1 October 2011</p>	
<p>Article 3 - Stockpile destruction and retention</p> <p>Completed destruction of its cluster munition stockpiles in June 2023</p> <p>Has retained some cluster munitions for training purposes in accordance with Article 3.6</p>		
<p>Article 4 - Clearance and risk reduction education</p> <p>Does not have any contamination in areas under its jurisdiction or control</p>		
<p>Article 5 - Victim assistance</p> <p>Does not have cluster munition victims</p>		
<p>Article 6 - International cooperation and assistance</p> <p>Received assistance from NATO Support and Procurement Agency to fulfil Article 3 obligations</p>		
<p>Article 7 - Transparency measures</p> <p>Initial transparency report submitted on 27 March 2012</p> <p>Annual reports submitted covering: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022</p>		
<p>Article 9 - National implementation measures</p> <p>Enacted Law on the Implementation of the CCM in 2015 that includes penal sanctions as required by the CCM</p>		
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CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

Article 3 Declaration of Compliance

Submitted by REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Article 3 destruction deadline: 31/12/2023

Date of completion: 28/06/2023

The Republic of Bulgaria ratified/acceded to the Convention on 06/04/2011. The Convention entered into force for the Republic of Bulgaria on 01/10/2011.

Article 3

Storage and stockpile destruction [requirements]

1. Each State Party shall, in accordance with national regulations, separate all cluster munitions under its jurisdiction and control from munitions retained for operational use and mark them for the purpose of destruction.
2. Each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all cluster munitions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article as soon as possible but not later than eight years after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party. Each State Party undertakes to ensure that destruction methods comply with applicable international standards for protecting public health and the environment.

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States Parties that have fulfilled obligations under Article 3 are encouraged to make an official declaration of compliance with Article 3 obligations to meetings of States Parties or review conferences of the Convention and in annual submissions of transparency reports under Article 7.

DECLARATION

As a result of efforts undertaken since its initial transparency report, Bulgaria declares that it has fulfilled its obligations under Article 3 of the Convention by having destroyed or ensured the destruction of all cluster munition stockpiles and determined that there are no longer any such stockpiles under its jurisdiction or control. In the event that previously unknown stockpiles of cluster munitions, including submunitions, are discovered after the date of completion, Bulgaria, in keeping with Article 7 paragraph 1(g), will immediately inform States Parties of such a discovery and share this information through annual transparency reports and any other fora including Meetings of States Parties, Review Conferences and informal meetings of the Convention. If Bulgaria believes that it will be unable to destroy or ensure destruction of all newly discovered cluster munitions within its Article 3 deadline it may submit a request to a Meeting of States Parties or Review Conference for an extension of the deadline by a period up to four years as stipulated in Article 3. If such a discovery is after the original Article 3 deadline and Bulgaria is unable to destroy such cluster munitions before the next Meeting of States Parties/Review Conference, it may request an extension of up to four years to complete such destruction.

Signature and official stamp



Date and place

08.09.2023
Sofia, Bulgaria