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Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Item 10. General Status and operation of the Convention

Universalisation

Statement by Sweden

Mr/Madam President,

We are pleased to take part in the deliberations of this Meeting of States Parties. However, as I indicated in an earlier intervention, Sweden is the stage of preparing its ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. This means that at this stage we will not be in a position to comment in substance on particular elements of the convention until such time as parliamentary procedures are finalized and national legislation is in place. I take the floor today to inform you a bit more on the Swedish process towards ratification.

Implementation of the CCM (Convention on Cluster Munitions) started on 3 December 2008, when the Ministry of Defence sent a request to the Swedish Armed Forces to start planning for the phasing-out of the cluster munitions weapons system 'Bombkapsel 90 (BK 90)', in line with the requirements of the CCM. A time schedule for the

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dismantling of the system was established and destruction was initiated earlier this year. The destruction process should be finished during 2014, at the latest.

Swedish ratification of the CCM requires the approval of the Riksdag (the Swedish Parliament). A report presenting the Convention and the necessary national implementation measures, including penal code legislation, was published at the end of last year and views were sought from government agencies and other entities, as well as from NGO's. The next, necessary step is now for the Riksdag's Council of Legislation to approve the government's proposed draft legislation. The Government's intention is to present a bill to the Riksdag recommending Swedish accession to the Convention later this year. Most probably, that means the Convention will enter into force for Sweden sometime later next year.

I thank you, Mr/Madam President