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Statement by Ambassador Van den IJssel of the Netherlands on stockpile destruction

Mr. Chairman,

Yesterday in the General debate I informed the Conference that The Netherlands has recently completed the destruction of its stockpile of cluster munitions in conformity with art 3 of our Convention. At this point, please allow me to give some more details. The Netherlands possessed cluster munitions of the type BL 755, CBU 87 to be delivered by aircraft, cluster munitions to be delivered by artillery systems and the cluster munitions warhead for missiles to be launched by Apache attack helicopter of type M 261.

All these munitions were destroyed by a company based outside of the Netherlands. This destruction project has been completed in 2012.

For training in detection and clearance, in conformity with art 3, paragraph 6, a limited number of Cluster munitions will be retained. We will provide more details in our annual Report about quantity, type, lot number in conformity with the provisions of art 3 paragraph 8

Mr. Chairman, I hope that it is still possible to reflect these positive developments in an update of the Oslo progress report, especially in paragraphs 23 and 24, as well as in the table under Roman IV in annex I of that Report.

Thank you