

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

Remarks by Japan on Stockpile Destruction and Retention

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Madame President,

I would like to provide a brief update on Japan's stockpile destruction plans.

As mentioned by our Head of Delegation yesterday, our stockpile destruction began this month in Germany and Norway. The stockpiles consist of approximately fourteen thousand cluster munitions of four different types which contain approximately two million submunitions. The contract that the Ministry of Defense signed with a private company calls for the destruction of all stockpiles to be completed by the end of 2015. Moreover, we have no plan to retain any cluster munitions in accordance with Article 3.6.

We hope to provide further updates at the 2014 Intersessional meeting.

Thank you, Madame President.