

**Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions
(Lusaka, 9-13 September 2013)
Statement by Italy on stockpile destruction**

Thank you Mme Chairperson for giving me the floor.

I will provide this meeting with a quick update on the status of the destruction process in my country.

In 2011 the Italian Armed Forces held 4 different types of cluster munitions, namely:

- 617 MK20 aerial bombs
- 415 RBL755 aerial bombs
- 40 MGM 52 Lance rocket warheads
- 4044 M26 rockets.

Before the entry into force of this Convention, 556 MK20, 414 RBL755 and 40 MGM 52, totaling 231,070 submunitions, were destroyed.

When the Convention entered into force, 59 MK20 and the entire stock of M26 were stored for destruction or demilitarization. In particular, 3324 rockets were marked for destruction while 720 were intended to be transformed into M28 training rockets.

2 MK20 and 1 RBL755 were retained for EOD training purposes.

As of 31 December 2012, 1206 M26 rockets and the remaining 59 MK20 were destroyed, 791.237 submunitions, and this is reported in our last exchange of information.

During the first semester of this year, additional 1110 M26 rockets were destroyed, for a total of 714.840 submunitions.

As a consequence, as of 1 July 2013 only 1008 M26 are still to be destroyed and 720 to be converted into M28 training rockets.

These processes will be completed as soon as possible and, in any case, well in advance of the deadline provided for by article 3 of the Convention.

Thank you for your attention.