

Convention on Cluster Munitions: Fourth Meeting of States Parties

Statement by Norway on Article 4

Madam President,

As Norway has obligations under Article 4, allow me to give a brief update on our efforts to clear the former test firing range at Hjerkin, which is contaminated by a small number of cluster munition remnants as well as other explosives.

The Ministry of Defence has confirmed their objective of completing clearance of the area contaminated by cluster munition remnants before the end of 2013, as we have reported on previous occasions. Clearance operations are normally conducted during late summer and during autumn, depending on the weather conditions in the mountains. Norway will continue to keep States parties and others informed of the progress, and will submit a formal declaration of compliance when the operation is completed.

Thank you.