

UK STATEMENT CCM 4MSP, Zambia
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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland thanks the President of this 4th Meeting of States Parties for this opportunity to make a short statement on our stockpile destruction.

The United Kingdom is committed to full compliance with its obligations under the Convention.

As at 31 July this year more than 92% of our cluster munition inventory, representing 35,820,970 sub munitions, had been destroyed. Through the NATO Support Agency, the disposal programme is on schedule to be completed by mid December this year, five years ahead of the mandated deadline.

Destruction of cluster munitions is a complex process which must conform to regulations that protect people and the environment. We continue to ensure these aspects are addressed and funded appropriately.

The sub-munitions awaiting destruction are held in secure locations, clearly marked and segregated from other munitions. The UK will be happy to share its experiences with other States Parties.

Thank you