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Statement by Sweden

Agenda item 10 (b)

Storage and stockpile destruction

Mr President,

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all those involved in the preparation of our meeting for the excellent arrangements and great hospitality shown. I would also like to congratulate you, Mr President, on your election and assure you of our full support.

Mr President,

Sweden stands fully by the statement given by the European Union and would like to give some brief additional information on stockpile destruction from a national perspective.

The Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force for Sweden on 1 October 2012. This year, on 25 April, we provided our first full annual report which is posted on the Convention's website. This report covers the full calendar year 2013.

Sweden possessed a total of 370 BK M90 Cluster Munitions before the process of destruction started, containing a total of 20 595 submunitions. Following accession and the entering into force of the CCM, Sweden is obliged to finalise its destruction process by 1 October 2020.

In our report in April, it was noted that dismantling the BK M90 Cluster Munition was still under way. I am pleased to note that, to date, the dismantling of these munitions has been completed. The destruction of the explosive submunitions has started, with to date approximately 60 % of the submunitions destroyed.

125 explosive submunitions will be retained. These retained submunitions will be used for training personnel in destruction techniques on live ammunition, as it is crucial for such training to include the handling of live explosives.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your attention.