

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN  
IRELAND**

**STATEMENT ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION**

Mr President,

It is my pleasure to take the floor at this portion of the meeting to update States Parties on the United Kingdom's stockpile destruction.

As this audience knows from previous statements and our transparency reporting, the UK completed the withdrawal of its cluster munitions from operational service in May 2008, ahead of signing the Convention on Cluster Munitions on 3 December of that year. Then, the task of destroying over 38 million sub-munitions began in a safe, secure, and environmentally-friendly manner. We would be happy to share our experiences on this. The NATO Support Agency will also be presenting on its part in this process at the inter-sessional meeting next year.

Mr President

It gives me further pleasure to confirm to this 5th Meeting of States Parties, that in December 2013, the United Kingdom completed the destruction of its entire cluster munition stockpile, 5 years ahead of the mandated deadline.

Thank you.