

7th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Convention
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Statement by JAPAN

Storage and Stockpile Destruction

Thank you, Mr. President,

At the outset, Japan would like to commend Croatia and Mexico for their efforts to facilitate the discussion on Storage and Stockpile Destruction.

As we have announced before, Japan completed the destruction of its cluster munitions stockpiles in 2015 and since then we have not retained any stocks of cluster munitions even for training and research purposes. We welcome the fact that many States Parties with obligations under Article 3 have fulfilled their commitment.

Mr. President,

Next year marks 8 years since the adoption and signing of the Convention. This Convention requires States Parties to destroy or ensure the destruction of all cluster munitions no later than eight years after the entry into force.

We strongly encourage those States Parties concerned to take necessary steps to complete the destruction of its cluster munitions stockpiles by their deadlines.

Thank you, Mr. President.