

**Intersessional meeting on the Convention on Cluster Munition**  
**Statement of the Czech Republic on Stockpile destruction and retention**  
**on 18 April 2012**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

I would like to use this opportunity to provide you with update on Stockpile destruction and retention of cluster munitions and explosive submunitions in my country.

The Czech Republic removed all its existing stockpiles of cluster munitions from Army equipment by 2006. In period from 2004 to 2010 all cluster munitions, which represented more than 400 cluster munitions and about 15 thousands of explosive submunitions were gradually ecologically destroyed. It was done so partially in military ammunition bases and partially in civilian specialized installations on commercial bases. The Czech Republic managed this process nationally and did not require any international assistance.

What the Czech Republic retains currently, are only explosive submunitions with no air or surface-fired means of delivery. Their number was 796 at the end of 2010. To date, 16 month later, this number has been decreased to 461. It means that more than 300 explosive submunitions have been used up strictly for training purposes of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialists during this period.

More detailed information on the process of destruction we are about to provide within the framework of initial Article 7 transparency measures report which is being prepared. It will have been distributed by the end of August 2012 at the latest.

Thank you for your attention

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