

**Convention on Cluster Munitions Intersessional Meeting
Geneva, Switzerland 16 to 19 April 2012
Statement by CANADA on Stockpile Destruction**

Madam Coordinator, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At last year's intersessional meeting, Canada provided an overview of its efforts to destroy its stockpile of cluster munitions. My aim today is to provide an update on those efforts.

As we reported, Canada's Rockeye inventory was destroyed by the Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Dundurn in Saskatchewan, Canada through open detonation. Our remaining challenge is to destroy the DPICM stocks. The entire inventory of 12,600 projectiles was declared surplus and removed from operational status in January 2007. Due to the quantity of projectiles awaiting disposal and the associated workload to dispose of them by open detonation, the preferred option is to contract out the disposal. Last year Canada destroyed three DPICM rounds in order to develop the standing operating procedures to destroy the stockpile by open detonation, should that prove necessary.

The Department of National Defence is continuing to work with Public Works and Government Services Canada, Canada's contracting department, to develop a solution to achieve this end. A Statement of Work and the associated evaluation criteria have been drafted and are in the process of being finalized. A procurement plan has also been developed to ensure that any contracts awarded will conform to Government of Canada contracting principles and regulations and it will ensure that all evaluation criteria being used to judge the project are suitably addressed.

It is estimated that it will likely take another 6 months to complete the contracting requirements, with between 12 to 24 months to complete the destruction of all munitions.

In summary, Canada is continuing to actively review a number of regulatory and environmentally compliant options to destroy its remaining cluster munition stocks and we are confident that we will meet our Article 3 obligations in advance of our eight year deadline.

Thank you.