



2012 Convention on Cluster Munitions Intersessional Meeting

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Retention of Cluster Munitions for permitted purposes

Statement by Ireland, 18 April 2012

Madame Coordinator

Ireland has never possessed cluster munitions. However, we understand the reasons why States were permitted under the Convention to retain or acquire a limited number of cluster munitions or explosive submunitions for the purposes specified in Article 3.6. These purposes would, in our view, include the development and validation of render safe procedures, and the training of personnel in these procedures, as well as the calibration and testing of detection equipment, mechanical clearance technologies and protective equipment for clearance personnel.

Thank you, Madame Coordinator