

# Ministry for Foreign Affairs

## Sweden

### **CCM Intersessional meeting 16-19 April 2012, Geneva - Swedish statement**

Mr. Coordinator,

As this is the first time my delegation takes the floor, please allow me to express our gratitude to the Presidency and the Coordinators for their excellent work preparing for this meeting.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to update you on Sweden's domestic process to ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

We are currently in the midst of ratifying the Convention. In December of 2011, the Swedish Government presented the Parliament with a bill recommending Swedish accession to the Convention. The bill was approved by the Parliament on 15 March 2012. This was promptly followed by due Government decisions, including a decision on a new Swedish law concerning unlawful dealings with Cluster Munitions.

Steps to deposit our instrument of ratification with the UN Secretary General are also currently under way and we expect the Convention to enter into force for Sweden in the fall of 2012.

Mr. Coordinator,

I also wish to briefly touch upon the subject of the phase-out of the Swedish Cluster Munitions Weapons System "BK 90". I am happy to share with you that the dismantling and destruction process is proceeding according to schedule and is expected to be finalized no later than 2014, which is well within the time frame established in the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Finally I should like to take this opportunity to once again stress Sweden's full commitment to work together with the international community to put an end to the casualties and suffering caused by Cluster Munitions.

Mr. Coordinator, again, I thank you.

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