UGANDA'S STATEMENT ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS – 16^{TH} - 19^{TH} APRIL 2012, GENEVA.

Thank you very much Chairperson for giving Uganda the floor.

At the outset, let me extend my delegation's appreciation for the excellent manner in which Germany and Croatia are coordinating the work on Stockpile destruction and for the update they have provided this morning/afternoon.

Chairperson, I take the floor to clarify on Uganda's position regarding stockpile. Uganda noted that in the Beirut Progress Report, Uganda is listed as one of those countries which "are reported to have existing stockpiles of cluster munitions.

Chairperson, we wish to restate, as we had previously done at previous meetings that Uganda has never manufactured, acquired, stockpiled, transferred or used cluster munitions. With this in mind, it is our hope that this record will be set right once and for all in addition to clarifying Uganda's obligations with respect to stockpiles destruction.

I thanks you Chairperson.

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