

Statement by Japan on Stockpile Destruction and Retention
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Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank the coordinators from Croatia and Spain for their hard work in preparing this Working Group session.

Mr./ Ms. Coordinators,

On behalf of the Delegation of Japan I would like to provide a brief update on Japan's stockpile destruction plans. With regard to the destruction of Japan's cluster munitions stockpiles, the Ministry of Defense has signed a contract with a private company. According to the contract, the destruction of stockpiles will be completed in 2015. The destruction of sub-munitions is scheduled to take place in Germany and Norway, and at present, the necessary arrangements for this are ongoing. We hope to provide further updates at the 4MSP.

Thank you.