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STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

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Thank you, Chairperson.

Japan would briefly like to update the situation of stockpile destruction.

As I mentioned in Article 7 Transparency Report submitted January this year, Japan Self Defense Force has 14'011 cluster munitions whereas there is no possession exceptionally allowed in Article 3-6.

To ensure the safe destruction of aforementioned munitions, Japan implemented a survey regarding the cost and potential companies with appropriate skills last year. Based upon the outcome of this survey, Japan decided to announce the international competitive bidding open to domestic and foreign companies.

The tender will take place very soon, and the contract will be concluded with the winner. On the other hand, Japanese private sector had possessed 76 sub-munitions for experimental purposes including unfinished items, and all of them had successfully been destroyed by March this year.

Thank you.