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Presentation on UK CCM Stockpile Destruction

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Key dates



- May 08 - UK withdraws all Cluster Munitions from Operational use
- 25 Mar 10 – Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Act receives Royal Assent
- 4 May 10 - UK becomes the 32nd state to ratify CCM
- 1 Nov 10 – Cluster Munitions Convention entered into force for the UK
- 1 Nov 18 – UK mandated deadline for destruction of CMs

Scale of stockpile

- Number of sub-munitions – 38,758,898

155mm Shell M483A1

155mm ERBS L20A1

Multi Launch Rocket System M26

BL755

RBL755

IBL755

CRV-7 MPSM M73

- Net book value of the UK' s Cluster munitions stock - £180M

Timescale for disposal

- **155mm M483A1 – Completed 2008**
- **155mm ERBS L20A1- Completes 2013**
- **MLRS M26 – Completes 2013**
- BL755 – Completed 2008
- RBL755 – Completed 2008
- IBL755 – Completed 2008
- CRV-7 MPASM M73 – Completed 2009



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- Systems disposal – i.e. Rocket motor disposal APC
- Re-cycling



Lessons Learnt - Successes

- Early start
- Use of outside “expertise” – NAMSA & Contractors
- Collaboration with the Royal Netherland Army
- UK Disposal on schedule to complete 5 years ahead of convention deadline
- 60% of bomblets disposed
- Co-operation between US and UK consolidation of assets.
- US leveraging UK contract to execute MLRS demil operation resulting in efficiencies.
- 90%+ re-cycling rate



Conclusions

- UK on track to accelerated programme
- Benefits of collaboration
- Wealth of knowledge/experience obtained

