

Thank you Mr. / Mme Chair

Albania and France have been working on the review of the Vientiane Action Plan as coordinators of the Committee on Stockpile Destruction.

- We started our work in September 2014 on the basis of the information that was made available to States Parties on stockpile destruction since the Vientiane Action Plan, in particular Progress Reports of the CCM and Annual transparency reports of States Parties.
- Then, with the help of the interim ISU, Albania and France invited States and organizations to join the working group and to bring in their inputs on the question of stockpile destruction. Therefore, eight States and experts and civil society organizations agreed to participate.
- The working group elaborated the review on the basis of the documents and preliminary comments from participants. Then, the drafts were discussed through many emails exchanges, as well as two meetings in the Palais des Nations.
- The latest draft was approved by all the participants of the working group, and submitted to the President and the Coordinating Committee of the CCM for final approval.
- We believe that the working process of the group was really transparent and inclusive, and that the section you have in front of you perfectly reflects our discussions. The recommendations proposed could be a good basis for the drafting of the upcoming Dubrovnik Action Plan.
- Despite the fact that stockpile destruction can be considered as a success (over 80 percent of reported cluster munition stockpiles have been destroyed), the recommendations in the section call for continued efforts to ensure that all remaining stockpiles are disposed in a timely manner in compliance with Article 3 of the convention. We invite all States Parties to read those recommendations.
- Finally, Albania and France would like to thank the interim ISU and all the participants of the working group for their collaboration.

Thank you Mr. Mme. Chair

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