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Statement by JAPAN

Storage and stockpile destruction

Thank you, Madame President,

At the outset, we would like to appreciate France and Albania for their coordinating work on storage and stockpile destruction.

As mentioned in the Croatia Progress report, many States Parties with obligations under Article 3 have fulfilled the obligations. The current state of play with regard to stockpile destruction is generally in excellent shape. But, it is important for us to further make efforts to move towards the completion of stockpile destruction by States Parties with the obligations.

Madame President,

On this occasion of 1RC, Japan would like to inform the meeting again that on February 9, 2015, Japan completed the destruction of its stockpiles of cluster munitions in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention. Japan is very delighted to have fulfilled its obligation under Article 3 before 1RC. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate those states parties which have completed the destruction of their stockpiles of cluster munitions since 5MSP.

The convention requires states parties to undertake to destroy or ensure the destruction of all cluster munitions not later than eight years after the entry into force of this convention for those states parties. Those states parties have three (3) or more years to fulfil their obligations.

We would like to strongly encourage those states parties concerned to take necessary steps to complete the destruction of its stockpiles of cluster munitions by their deadlines.

Thank you, Madame President.