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Foreign Office

**SECOND MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

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Statement on Retention by Germany

Madam President,

As outlined during the Intersessional Meeting, Germany will retain a limited number of live cluster munitions and sub-munitions for purposes explicitly permitted by the Convention, namely for the development of and training in cluster munitions detection, clearance and destruction techniques. As required by Article 3, the quantity will not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for this purpose.

Germany possessed more than 520,000 cluster munitions of 16 different types containing some 60 million sub-munitions of 14 different types. As laid out in our detailed annual report in accordance with Art. 7 of the Convention the necessary amounts, types and estimated future requirements have not been determined yet. This is due to the ongoing restructuring process of the Federal Armed Forces.

The total number of cluster munitions to be retained by the Federal Office of Defense Technology and Procurement as well as the Federal Armed Forces will mainly result from the following criteria:

1. Retention of the various types of cluster munitions and sub-munitions for initial and currency training of EOD personnel at licensed schools and training facilities. Required amounts are calculated on the basis of a ten-year-period.

2. Retention of the estimated number of the various types of cluster munitions and sub-munitions for the following technical purposes:

- Development and improvement of new EOD technologies for the clearance of cluster munitions.
- Development of safeguards against the effects of sub-munitions.
- Testing and evaluation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) against the effects of sub-munition explosions, of detection technologies, of metal detectors and multi-sensor systems and of mechanical demining equipment.
- Documentation of the ageing process of explosives contained in these munitions for the development of specific disposal / clearance methods.

We will inform about the numbers of munitions to be retained as soon as the results of this process are finalized.

Thank you, Madam President.