

**Norwegian's People's Aid Statement on**

**Agenda Item 10(b): Storage and Stockpile Destruction  
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Thank you, Mr. President,

We welcome and congratulate Bulgaria, Slovakia and South Africa for their completion of stockpile destruction in line with their Article 3 obligations. NPA also applauds the efforts made in Peru and the progress made on stockpile destruction towards fulfilling Article 3 obligations this year, within the treaty deadline. Peru has destroyed 81% of their stockpiled cluster munition so far, and the remaining will be destroyed timely over the course of the coming months. NPA has been supporting Peru in its efforts through the cluster munition stockpile destruction project since 2014. From 2014 and up until the closing of the project this year, the Peruvian Air Force and NPA will, in close cooperation, have destroyed the total of 2,021 cluster munition declared by Peru to the Convention. We're looking forward to completing the project this year. We want to use the opportunity to extend a big thank you to Germany and Norway for funding this project and to make this completion possible.

It is a victory for the Convention when countries get rid of every stockpiled cluster munition to ensure that such weapons can never be used again. We therefore look forward to soon being able to celebrate that all states parties have completed their obligation under Article 3 under the Convention.

However, large stockpiles of cluster munitions still remain around the world and are not covered by this Convention. Getting closer to the goal of fulfilling Article 3 obligations offers therefore a strong reminder to push for Universalisation and remind ourselves to not be fully satisfied until we can ensure that these weapons are never used, produced, stockpiled or transferred again, which can only be achieved if we ensure full universalization.

Thank you.