

Storage and Stockpile Destruction

Statement of Australia

Mr President

I wish to extend on behalf of Australia our thanks to the coordinators, France and Mexico, for the work in support of the Convention.

Australia is in the fortunate position of not ever having held a stockpile of cluster munitions.

We acknowledge the challenges faced by states with stockpile destruction obligations under Article 3 of the Convention and encourage their continued efforts to meet these obligations.

Australia welcomes the early fulfilment by France, Germany and Italy of their obligations under Article 3 of the convention to destroy their stockpiles of cluster munitions.

Australia encourages those States parties with remaining stockpile destruction obligations that have not yet done so, to develop and implement destruction plans, in accordance with Action 2.1 of the Dubrovnik Action Plan. We also encourage States Parties with remaining stockpile obligations to provide updates on their progress towards fulfilment of their obligations through their Article 7 reports.

Thank you, Mr President.