

**Convention on Cluster Munitions.**

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**Norwegian statement on implementing Article 4/clearance**

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Thank you, Mr Coordinator

As Norway has obligations under Article 4, allow me to update you on the situation at the former test firing range at Hjerlinn in Norway, which is contaminated by a limited number of cluster munition remnants as well as other unexploded ordnance.

The clearance operation continues and the primary target area is now finished. The outer perimeter of the area is marked and fenced to inform civilians and to exclude access to the suspected dangerous area.

The Ministry of Defence estimates that clearance will be complete no later than 2013. Norway will keep States Parties and others informed of the progress of this operation.

Thank you