



STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON CLEARANCE AND RISK REDUCTION

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Thank you Mr Coordinator.

The delegation of Croatia is pleased to participate in the work of this year's Intersessional Meeting of the CCM. We would like to use this opportunity to inform the Meeting about the clearance of cluster munitions and its remnants in Croatia.

In 2012 767.142 m² has been cleared of cluster munitions and/or its remnants for which 980.000 EUR were spent. 277 pieces of KB-1 has been found and destroyed during clearance activities. In comparison to 2011, cluster munitions contaminated area has been reduced for 246.106 m² - this difference is due to a number of (new) inclusions into suspected hazardous area.

As a positive example of our efforts we can state that Dubrovnik-Neretva County is now completely cleared of cluster munitions, as well as area around historic town of Nin and area inside of National Park "Krka".

That said, on April 12, 2013 cluster munitions contaminated area in Croatia totals 4.03 km², marked with 270 warning signs. These contaminated areas are located in/around 16 municipalities inside 6 counties.

There were no casualties in 2012 from cluster munitions. From 1991 till now we recorded 32 incidents with 52 casualties from unexploded cluster bomb remnants.

Let me conclude by saying that despite financial and other problems we are faced with, Croatia is determined to continue with clearance operations to the fullest possible extent, that is, until our clearance obligations under the CCM are met.

Thank you Mr Coordinator.