



## **INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS**

Geneva, 16 - 19 April 2012

### **Statement by the delegation of Germany: Retention**

Madam Co-Chair,

In accordance with Art. 3 of the convention, Germany retains a number of cluster munitions, separated explosive submunitions as well as bomblets. The assessment of the necessary amounts of each of the types is currently in the process to be finalized. Germany will likely be in the position to report the exact figures together with the next due national Article-7-report by the end of this month.

The calculation is based on the composition of Germany's former stockpile of cluster munitions, which included 14 different types of cluster munitions with 16 different types of submunitions. As an important guiding principle, the Federal Office of Defence Technology and Procurement as well as the Federal Armed Forces will not retain any cluster munition and submunition types which according to our information are to be found exclusively in German stockpiles. In addition, the calculation is based on the following main criteria:

1. Retention of the estimated number of the various types of cluster munitions and submunitions for training of EOD personnel at licensed schools and training facilities based on a needs calculation for a period of ten years;
2. Retention of the estimated number of the various types of cluster munitions and submunitions for the following technical purposes:
  - Development of safeguards against the effects of submunitions.

- Testing and evaluation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) against the effects of submunition explosions.
- Testing of detection technologies.
- Testing and evaluation of metal detectors and multi sensor systems.
- Testing and evaluation of mechanical demining equipment.
- Documentation of the ageing process of explosives contained in these munitions for the development of specific disposal/clearing methods.

Thank you, Madam Co-Chair.