CCM 8MSP Statement by Sweden

Agenda item 7 (b) Stockpile Destruction

"Mr President,

First let me thank you and all those involved in the preparations of this meeting and assure you of my delegations full support.

Now, I would like to briefly comment on a question that has been brought up by the coordinators of the Committee on Stockpile Destruction and Retention concerning Sweden.

As permitted by the Convention, Article 3 paragraph 6, Sweden like several other State Parties have retained a very limited number of sub-munitions after the complete destruction of our entire stockpile of cluster munitions in 2015. The purpose of retaining 125 pieces of submunitions is to have the capacity for development and training in detection, clearance and destruction techniques using live ammunition. It should again be noted that Sweden retains no cluster munitions as such as all containers were dismantled and destroyed already in 2014.

Thankyou Mr President"