

Intervention of Montenegro

Berlin Conference on the Destruction of Cluster Munitions (25, 26 June 2009)

Respected president, ladies and gentlemen,

Montenegro has signed Convention on ban of cluster munitions on December 3 rd 2008. We have been working on verification of legislative acts which followed signing the Convention.

The Ministry of Defense of Montenegro as a bearer of work, has done a draft Law on ban of cluster ammunition, and has passed it to other institutions for their agreement in order for the law to be sent to the Government of Montenegro for its acceptance and later on its ratification in the Parliament of Montenegro. We are expecting that we will have finalized all law regulations as a support to the Convention by the fall of this year.

Simultaneously we are working on preparation of disposal of cluster ammunition in stock in Montenegro. Montenegro has 353 cluster bomb in stock from the previous period of former army JNA, of type BL-755 CBU, weight 507 kg per piece. In total weight of 178.971 kg.

Montenegro has signed a technical agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United States of America, on disposal of surplus weapons and ammunition. Disposal of cluster ammunitions are a part of the agreement. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs USA have contracted a company which will dismantle cluster ammunition.

The process of preparation for disposal of cluster ammunition has started and we hope that the disposal will be finalized by the end of 2009. We will inform the UN on its finalization in 2010.

Thank you very much