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## 611th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 12 May 2010  
  
Opened: 10.15 a.m.  
Closed: 10.25 a.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Pokol
  
3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:  
  
Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS  
  
*Ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions: United Kingdom (Annex)*  
  
Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE  
  
None  
  
Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2010 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (not adopted)  
  
Chairperson, Turkey, Azerbaijan  
  
Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS  
  
(a) *Matters of protocol*: United States of America, Chairperson  
  
(b) *Distribution of a draft decision on a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres (FSC.DD/4/10)*: Chairperson
  
4. Next meeting:  
  
Wednesday, 19 May 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Mr. Chairperson,

The United Kingdom has become the 32nd country to ratify the UN Convention on Cluster Munitions. The instrument of ratification was deposited at the UN in New York on 4 May 2010 and the United Kingdom will attend the first meeting of States Parties to the Convention to be held in the People's Democratic Republic of Laos in November 2010, as a State Party. The treaty will enter into force for the United Kingdom on 1 November 2010.

The Convention is recognized as one of the most significant disarmament treaties of recent years, prohibiting the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions. The Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Act 2010, which received Royal Assent on 25 March 2010, implements the United Kingdom's international obligations under the treaty.

I should be grateful if this statement could be attached to the journal.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.