

## UKRAINE: POSITIVE STEP FORWARD IN AMMUNITION DESTRUCTION

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A contract for the demilitarization of 6,000 tonnes of conventional ammunition, including almost 30,000 cluster munitions, was signed between NAMSA, the Ukraine Ministry of Defence and the State Enterprise Ukroboronservice (UOS) in Kiev on Wednesday 26 August 2009.

The contract was signed by Mr Anatoliy Sosnovsky, Head of the Ministry of Defence Utilization Department, and Mr Oleksandr Sharapov, Director of Ukroboronservice, in the presence of the Head of the NAMSA project office in Ukraine as well as Ukrainian Government Representatives. This is a key, but much delayed, element of the NATO PfP Trust Fund project for the destruction of MANPADS, SALW and conventional ammunition in Ukraine.

Implementation of this phase of the project marks a positive step forward in joint Ukraine-NATO efforts to address the threat from large stockpiles of surplus and unserviceable ammunition that exist on the territory of Ukraine.