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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and with regard to the latter's Note DSD/2013/181 dated 22 March 2013, inviting submission of information relating to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 65/149 "Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea" has the honour to transmit herewith the requested information from the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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To the Secretariat
of the United Nations

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As a matter of principle, the Republic of Cyprus is highly aware of potential environmental risks caused by WOCMDS. As such, Cyprus working alongside with the international community seeks to promote a safer environment for all. Moreover, Cyprus does not currently possess or has ever been in the possession of chemical munitions and does not perform any chemical tests whatsoever.

Questionnaire responses

1. The Republic of Cyprus does not suffer from any potential environmental risks caused by WOCMDS.
2. Since environmental effects related to WOCMDS are not an imminent threat researchers have not yet focused on the phenomenon.
3. Like already mentioned above, Cyprus has not had any environmental effects caused by WOCMDS and therefore no current experience in responding to such threats.
4. Cyprus does not have the capacity to respond to any incidents related to WOCMDS.
5. Cyprus is fully aware of the dangers posed by WOCMDS to the environment however; currently it does not have any action plan in response to WOCMDS. Cyprus is looking into the possibility to develop one in the future.
6. Our Government has not yet initiated any awareness for WOCMDS targeting the industry.
7. The Government does not currently have a partnership with the industry and civil society in relation to WOCMDS.
8. As you are already aware, Cyprus co-sponsored the General Assembly 65/149 Resolution. Cyprus is not currently part of any other cooperation however; we welcome and support any kind of governmental, regional and/or international cooperation in raising awareness of WOCMDS.

9. According to our view, a possible modality could be the increase of awareness through side events in the margins of annual meetings/plenary in relation to environmental threats.