

Belgian law against uranium weapons.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

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MAY, 11, 2007. - Law enabling the completion of the conventional arms law, with regard to the prohibition of weapons systems containing depleted uranium (1)

ALBERT II, King of the Belgians,

To those living today and in the future, We Greet You!

The Belgian Parliament has adopted, and We confirm the view of this text.

Clause 1. This law directs a matter as meant in Clause 78 of the Belgian Constitution.

Clause 2. Clause 3, § 1 of the conventional arms law is completed with the sentence "18° inert ammunition and armor that contains depleted uranium or any other industrially manufactured uranium.".

Clause 3. In the Clause 3, § 1, of the same conventional arms law, following modifications are inserted:

1° the first paragraph is modified as follows: "Contrary to § 1 the State or the government authorities are prohibited to deploy, store, sell, acquire and deliver those weapons that are dealt with in Clause 3, § 1, 1°, 4° and 18°";

2° the paragraph is completed with the following paragraph: "During the period of three years, starting from the edition in the *Belgische Staatsblad (Belgian Statute book)* of the May 11, 2007 law ruling the completion of the conventional arms law regarding the prohibition of weapons systems with depleted uranium, the Belgian State or the Public Services dismantle the existing stocks of inert ammunition and armor containing depleted uranium or any other industrially manufactured uranium."

Clause 4. Two years after the day of its announcement in the *Belgische Staatsblad*, this law comes into force

Promulgating this law, ordering its covering with the Country's seal and its edition in the *Belgische Staatsblad*.

Given in Brussels on May, 11, 2007.

ALBERT

Due to the King :

The Minister of Defence,

Mr. A. FLAHAUT

Sealed with the Country's seal :

The Minister of Justice,

Miss L. ONKELINX

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Belgian Chamber of Representatives