

Statement made by Finland at the 2015 Mine Ban Treaty intersessional meeting

Thank you Mr. President,

I would like to start by thanking you for the way you are conducting this important meeting.

As you pointed out, Mr. President, Finland had more than one million anti-personnel land mines stockpiled when joining the mine ban treaty some years ago.

Currently we have destroyed over 99% of all our anti-personnel landmines. The remaining 4500 anti-personnel landmines yet to be destroyed, will be destroyed by the end of this year (2015).

We will in accordance with article 3 of the convention leave 16 500 anti-personnel landmines for training in the areas of mine detection, mine clearance and mine destruction. We estimate that this will serve our educational needs for several years.

Thank you Mr. President.