

**INTERVENTION BY DELEGATION OF NIGERIA UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 (b)  
STOCKPLIE DESTRUCTION AT THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS AND  
FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE  
OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION 22-24 MAY, 2019 AT GENEVA  
SWITZERLAND MADE BY MR. ODE IKWE**

Thank you for giving me the floor.

My delegation wishes to reiterate that Nigeria does not engage in production, stockpiling or transfer of Anti-Personnel Mine. Nigeria is committed to working with other States Parties to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, hence its decision to accede to the Convention on 27 September 2001, and expeditiously made it enter into force for Nigeria on 1 March 2002;

2. The Government of Nigeria attaches high value to the Convention on Anti-Personnel Mine Ban and takes the safety of every one living anywhere in Nigeria seriously. For this reason, Nigeria provided funding for the clearance of landmines and unexploded and abandoned ordnance from the 1960s' Biafra war, and consequently declaring in its initial transparency report submitted on 22 June, 2004 that Nigeria does not have any stockpiled anti-personnel mines under its ownership or possession or under its jurisdiction or control;

3. Once again, my delegation wishes to remind that with the recent upsurge of insurgency in Nigeria, there have been reported cases of new contaminations, especially in the North-Eastern part of the country. Because of the security condition however, the government is unable to conduct a search in the suspected locations to ascertain the extent of contaminations;

4. As soon as the security condition improves in the North-East, Nigeria shall commence a non-technical survey in the conflict-affected areas with a view to carrying out demining where mines are found and file report accordingly.

5. Thank you.

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