

Mr.Chairman, thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of Poland as an observer state and let me wish you a success in conducting this week debates.

Polish Council of Ministers has already adopted the information of state of readiness to bind the Republic of Poland with the provisions of the Ottawa Convention. As Ambassador Grinius rightly put it, Poland is expected to ratify the Convention in 2012. Taking into consideration that the ratification of any convention is a complex and multistage process in Poland, we have to be patient. The Parliament is expected to deal with the bill in the Autumn of 2011. At the same time anti-personel mines would be finally withdrawn from Polish Armed Forces inventories. The final accord, means, the President's signature is expected at the beginning of 2012.

Let me add, that Poland on the voluntary basis provides regular reports in accordance with Art.7 of the Convention.

Thank you, Mr.Chairman

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