

STATEMENT OF BELARUS ON ANTIPERSONNEL MINES RETAINED FOR ARTICLE 3 PURPOSES

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In accordance with Article 3 of the Convention for purposes of development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques 6030 mines have been retained in the arsenals of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus.

In February of 2012 the training was carried out with the personnel involved in mine detection and mine destruction activities. 8 mines have been destroyed in the course of this training.

In the second half of 2012 one more training session is scheduled. Belarus will include an update into its Article 7 annual report on number of antipersonnel mines destroyed in the course of the trainings.

I thank you, distinguished Co-chairs.