

**Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production
and transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on their destruction**

Meeting of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk
Education and Mine Action Technologies (11 February)
Statement of Dr. Luigi Scotto First Secretary of the Italian Delegation

Mr. Chairman,

During the Fifth Meeting of the State Parties held in Bangkok last year Italy announced the completion of the destruction of its landmine stockpile. Our commitment to mine action remains as strong as ever.

In 2003 the Italian Armed Forces, engaged in peacekeeping missions abroad, have destroyed 155 anti-personnel mines, 30 anti-vehicle mines in Bosnia, 3.410 anti-personnel mines and 69 anti-vehicle mines in Afghanistan as well as several explosive remnants of war including 3 fragmentation bombs and one air-to-air missile warhead in Iraq.

Thank you