

ICRC intervention

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Thank you Madame Co-chair.

We would like to thank Indonesia and Ukraine for having provided an update today on the status of their plans to destroy their stocks of anti-personnel mines in the years to come.

We also would like to mark our appreciation to Ethiopia for having filed their initial article 7 report recently and for having shared with the international community the progress they have made in the destruction of their stocks of anti-personnel mines. We were pleased to read that Ethiopia destroyed almost 40.000 AP mines, fuses and booby traps between 2004 and 2007 but would encourage it to clarify the overall amount of stockpiles it still detains. We hope that Ethiopia will as soon as possible be in a position to share with the Mine Ban community the overall number of stocks of anti-personnel mines left to destroy and we hope that it will do its utmost to complete the destruction of these stocks before its deadline in 2009.