

**STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION
DURING THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION
(21 June 2010)**

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

I congratulate you on your assumption of the Co-Chairmanship. You have my delegation's full confidence and support.

Today, I should like to provide a short update on the process of destruction of our stockpiled anti-personnel landmines.

As we have been explaining on many occasions, the Munitions Disposal Facility has been running at maximum capacity, ie. 24 hours a day, on the basis of 3 shifts. As such, stockpile destruction is progressing at full speed. Let me also state that the process is being carried out with national sources only.

On that basis, further to our Article 7 report submitted in April this year (covering the period between 1 January-31 December 2009) the stockpile as of end December 2009 which was 730.458 is now reduced to 266.143, as of June 2010.

As regards breakdown of the remaining stockpile, I can state that the stockpile of two types of mines, namely DM-11 and M-16 now stand at zero. In other words, these types do not exist any more. Remaining stockpile includes the types M2, M14 and ADAM mines. Accordingly, the stockpile to be destroyed as of present is 266.143 mines, of which 22.788 are ADAM type.

When compared to the initial stock of 2.973.481 in 2004, where we stand today is that 90 percent of the stocks are now destroyed.

With regard to our prediction of completion, as some colleagues have enquired, we had already stated in Cartagena, as well as in our statement earlier this morning in the "Standing Committee on the General Operation and Status of the Convention", stockpile destruction process is predicted to be completed this year.

I thank you.