

ECUADOR

INTERVENTION DURING THE STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION STANDING COMMITTEE

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The delegation of Ecuador wants to thank the OAS support to our general demining process and Ecuador's efforts to destroy its stockpiles, as well as facilitate international certification. I also want to thank the support given to this cooperation by some State parties and other countries, principally Canada, Spain and the United States. As Mr. Mc Donough expressed during his conference, Ecuador has recently signed an agreement with the OAS to continue, as soon as possible, in this way of demining and destroying stockpiles.

On the other side, I also want to express our coincidence with the delegations of Peru, Honduras, Nicaragua and Chili. Ecuador has expressed and demonstrate its political will, my country has also made its best efforts, in spite the hard internal economic situation, to make reality the Ottawa Convention compromises and also the recent Managua challenge, but cooperation has almost come just from our own and the regional efforts, so we want to call and encourage international solitarity and shared responsibility to contribute to the OAS fund to face Managua challenge and make possible to reach a world free of antipersonel mines.

Thak you.