

Greece

Statement of the Greek Delegation  
At the Meeting of the Standing Committees  
Of the Convention (Ottawa Convention)  
On the Mine Clearance Issue

(27 May 2009)

Mrs Co-Chair,

I am taking the floor to inform the Podium and distinguished Delegates on the progress Greece has made so far concerning Mine Clearance activities.

I have the pleasure to inform you that Greece has completed de-mining in almost all of the areas mined with anti-personnel mines. From the total of 24.751 antipersonnel mines 23.836 have been destroyed which amounts to 96%, while 55 out of 57 minefields have been already cleared.

According to the pace of progress so far, Greece will complete its demining obligations by this year instead of 2014 which is the deadline posed by the Treaty, so 5 years in advance.

Mrs Co-Chair,

Our commitment and efficient work in this field proves in the most emphatic way our willingness for the fulfillment of the Ottawa Convention and our strong engagement for promoting international peace and security.

Thank You