

**STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION
DURING THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION
(25 May 2009)**

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

I congratulate you on your assumption of the Co-Chairpersonship. Please rest assured, you have my delegation's full confidence and support.

As a testimony to our sincere and transparent approach, I would like to give a short update regarding the process of destruction of our stockpiled APLMs.

First, I would like to underline once more that Turkey has already destroyed the fuses of all her stockpiled APLMs. Therefore, in practice we do not have any APLM stockpile at hand. In other words, there is no difference between the remaining stockpiles and obsolete ammunition.

So far more than 1,6 million APLMs have been destroyed. This equals to 55 % of our stockpiles. As of 30 April 2009, a total of 1.325.409 remaining parts of APLMs need to be destroyed. This equals to 45 % of our stockpiles. We will provide a copy of our stockpile destruction data at the entrance of this room.

During the 9MSP, six months ago, we expressed our strong hope to have completed the destruction of the remaining parts of our stockpiled APLMs at the possible earliest stage in 2010. We will continue to inform the State Parties regularly on the progress achieved. An update will be given during the Second Review Conference.

Our record in implementing the provisions of international arms control agreements has always been good. Turkey will do her utmost to fulfill her article IV obligations.

I thank you.