



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Stockpile Destruction

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Excellencies,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan achieved its commitment in accordance with Article 4 of the Mine Ban Treaty in October 2007. However as was potentially anticipated additional stocks of Anti Personnel landmines have been discovered after we formally declared completed stock destruction. It is my pleasure to inform you that between 2007 and 2102 an additional 70,000 stockpiled anti-personnel landmines and 1,900 anti-vehicle mines have been located and destroyed. Thus as of today, a total of 591,000 anti-personnel mines, 31,000 anti-vehicle mines, 30,000 tons of unserviceable ammunitions and 37,000 kilograms of ammonium nitrate have been destroyed.

The mechanism to continue stockpile destruction is overseen by the Ministry of Defense and implemented by a contracted demining organization to ensure that all new mines found in caches or delivered by former military commanders are destroyed and properly recorded.

Thank you