

## **Poland's update on stockpile destruction**

### **APLC 14 MSP**

**30.11-4.12.2015, Geneva**

Mr. President,

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, Poland is obliged to destroy its anti-personnel mines stockpiles until 1st June 2017. Let me present a concise update on the progress of stockpile destruction.

The overwhelming majority of the stockpiles, that amounted to over 1 million pieces, had been destroyed well before Poland actually ratified the Convention. In March 2015 a relevant contract was signed for the destruction of the remaining 16 957 PSM-1 anti-personnel mines.

According to the agreement all mines and their elements were transported until September this year to the place where the destruction process is being conducted.

The contract further stipulates that the entire operation will be concluded 6 months after transportation is completed, that is until March 2016. On the basis of the progress achieved so far we can confirm that Poland should fulfill its obligations well before the formal deadline.

Thank you, Mr. President.