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**STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION
ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION**

Mr. Vice President,

My delegation requested the floor under this agenda item to offer a short update on stockpile destruction in Turkey.

In accordance with the Ottawa Convention, Turkey has the obligation to destroy its 2,973,481 stockpiled anti-personnel mines by 2008. The bulk of the destruction is planned to take place upon the completion of a Mine & Ordnance Disposal Facility, which is scheduled for completion in 2006.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President