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I would like to provide updated information concerning the achieved by Greece in fulfillment of Article 5 mine clearance obligations.

As of June 30, 2006, Greece has completed de-mining operations in 52,6% of the areas mined with anti-personnel mines.

Out of a total of 24.751 antipersonnel mines in the above mentioned areas, 12.319 corresponding to 47.9%, have been cleared.

Out of this total of 12.319 antipersonnel mines, 10.003 have been already destroyed in situ. The destroyed mines make up 81% of the total number of anti-personnel mines removed, while the rest is in the process of been destroyed.

By continuing with this pace of progress, there is a considerable probability, that Greece will be in a position to fulfill its article 5 mine clearance obligations, even before 2014, which is the deadline provided by the Treaty.

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