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"STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION" GÜNDEM MADDESİ ALTINDA YAPILABİLECEK KONUŞMA

Madam President, Hunch 3 and Grand WALLycron .

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

In accordance with the Ottawa Convention, Turkey has the obligation to destroy 2'979'165 stockpiled anti-personnel mines by 2008. Of these mines, 1'742'864 are DM-11, 146'882 are M2 Series, 1'005'461 are M14, 43'853 are M16 Series, 18'236 are M18 Series and 22'788 are artillery delivered anti-personnel mines or ADAMs, which are calculated as 633 mines, each with 36 sub-munitions.

The bulk of the destruction for these mines is planned to take place upon the completion of a Mine & Ordnance Disposal Facility, which was reported on in earlier meetings and in Turkey's 2006 Article 7 Report. In this context, my delegation would like to inform the distinguished delegates of the Seventh Meeting of States Parties that an agreement was signed between Turkey and the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA) on the 20th of December 2005. In accordance with this agreement, the facility will be established by NAMSA and financed by Turkey. Efforts are continuing to get this facility up and running by mid 2007, so that stockpiled mines can be disposed of by the 1st of March 2008 deadline.

Finally, on M-18 Claymore mines, the victim activation components of M18 Claymore mines have recently been added to the list of mines to be destroyed and the necessary steps have been taken to stock only command detonated M18 Claymore mines.

Thank you, Madam President.