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**THE EIGHTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND
TRANSFER OF ANTI- PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR
DESTRUCTION.**

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I would like to congratulate you on your assumption of the presidency of the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on The Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

Mongolia has been denouncing the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of all types of landmines and supporting the efforts undertaken by international community to ban this dangerous and indiscriminate weapon since the Ottawa Convention was created.

Mongolian Government's Program of Action for 2004-2008 lays out a step-by-step approach aimed at accession to the Min Ban Treaty.

We have been undertaken the following concrete activities:

- Made amendments to the law on state secrets, to exclude landmines (these were listed as a state secret) from the list and place details regarding the number of stockpiled antipersonnel mines and the public domain in December 2006.
- Submitted a voluntary Article 7 transparency report in September 2007.

According to National Report:

Mongolia has 206417 anti-personnel mines as stockpiles.

Type of anti-personnel mines:

POM-2, PMN -2, PMN, PM0-6, OZM-72, MON-50, MON-100, MON-200.

Now, we are following The Plan of cooperation between the Ministry of Defense and the General Staff of Mongolian Armed Forces for the Government's Program of Action for 2004-2008.

The plan includes the following elements:

- In cooperation with other countries, The Government plans to formulate a strategy to implement its step by step accession to The Mine Ban Treaty.
- With international assistance, to assist the condition of its anti-personnel mine stockpile and the time and finances required to destroy the mines
- To study with new technology and equipments to destroy the mines and experiences of other countries.
- In cooperation with other countries, to initiate the training of national land mine experts to destroy the mine.

Wish the best of success to the Dead Sea meeting.

Thank you for your attention.