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**Hellenic Republic**

**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty**

**Statement on Stockpile Destruction**

*Dead Sea, Jordan, 19 November 2007*

**H.E. Ambassador Tryphon Paraskevopoulos**  
*Head of Delegation*

Mr. President,

Greece is now in a position to announce that, following complex and time consuming procedures, we have contracted a specialized private company to destroy the totality of the stockpiled mines. Before long, antipersonnel landmines will be transferred to this company. It goes without saying that my Government will be supervising the process in all its phases.

Our goal is to complete the destruction within the set deadline. You will be kept informed on the progress.

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