



Hellenic Republic

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Statement on Mine Clearance

Dead Sea, Jordan, 20 November 2007

H.E. Ambassador Tryphon Paraskevopoulos

Head of Delegation

Mr. President,

According to official data from the Greek Ministry of Defense, as of September 5th, 2007, Greece has completed de-mining operations in well above 67% of the areas mined with anti-personnel mines. Of the minefields in question 38 have been already cleared, while operations are continuing in the remaining 19.

Out of the total of 24.751 antipersonnel mines in the above mentioned minefields, 16.984, corresponding to 69%, have been cleared so far and destroyed in situ for safety purposes.

Given the progress achieved so far, Greece will be in the position to fulfill its article 5 mine clearance obligations, by 2010, well in advance of the deadline of 2014 established by the provisions of the Treaty.