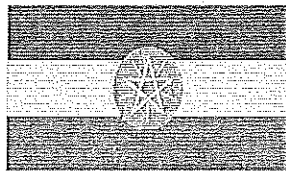


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Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and
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Progress /Update/ Report from Ethiopia

Progress Report on Mine Clearance in Ethiopia.

Thank you Mr. President,
Distinguished delegates,
Excellencies,

- Beside the updates given during the June standing committee meeting by the Deputy Director of Ethiopian Mine Action office, It is my pleasure to provide the following summary about the ongoing Mine Clearance and MRE activity in Ethiopia.
- As of October 2008 through the integrated demining activity, Ethiopian Mine Action Office has cleared More than 43.007 million meter sq. mine contaminated land, with 6,035 APM, 757 AT and 55,882 UXO collected and destroyed.
- Through technical survey and area reduction techniques a total of more than 660.16 km.sq. Previously suspected hazard areas are released.
- Currently Ethiopian Mine Action Office has continued the standard Mine Risk Education activity in and around the Mine clearance and technical survey operational sites.
- As of October 2008 a total of 358,420 participants with 145,555 female and 212,865 male have attended the MRE session. As a result 401 AP, 108 AT and 43,841 UXO are reported by the public for demolition.
- Currently an integrated demining and MRE activities that constitutes Manual, MDD, Mechanical, T/S and CLOS with manpower of more than 800 employees are going on to comply with convention obligation before the dead line. The deployment sites are indicated from the attached map.
- Through the joint assistance from the Ethiopian Government and the Norwegian Peoples Aid, EMAO has started its own integrated demining training center which will enhance the required national capacity as well as regional cooperation in the near future.
- Continued financial supports are required for the replacement of demining assets and operational costs beyond 2009.
- I would like to thank for the on going cooperation and assistance from EU, NPA, UNDP and Germany for their valuable cooperation to minimize the impact of landmines in Ethiopia.

I Thank You.

