

Statement Albania

**9MSP- Announcing the "Tirana Workshop" "in Preparation of the  
Second Review Conference**

Mr. President,

- It is my pleasure to announce that the Republic Albania will host a South East European regional workshop in preparation of the Second Review Conference ~~from ... to ... October 2009~~ 0

*in early October 2009*

- We hope that the event will help to raise the profile of the Convention and give Albania an opportunity to show its efforts in fulfilling the obligations under the Convention close to its Article 5 deadline.

- The „Workshop on Progress and Challenges in Achieving a Mine Free South East Europe“ will be held in Tirana and will aim at assessing the pursuit of the objectives of the Convention in South East Europe. The workshop is part of the initiative of the European Union Joint Action. Therefore let me take this opportunity to thank the European Union for their cooperation in bringing about this meeting.

- We are honored to invite the States of South East Europe, donors of mine action in South East Europe and relevant international and non-governmental organizations.

- The invitation package for this event will be sent out in due time and we would like to ask invitees to already now „save the date “of October 2009 in their calendars for next year.

Thank you

8-9 October