

Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Belarus on the implementation of Article 4 of the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines

Dear coordinators,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me provide a summary of the implementation of the EU-funded joint project entitled "Destruction of PFM -1 series ammunition in Belarus."

I would like to remind you that implementation of this project will help us to destroy nearly 3.3 million mines of the mentioned type.

I am glad to inform you that the General Contractor of the project, the Spanish company of EXPAL completed construction and installation works at the destruction facility.

Currently, the personnel of the facility is engaged in the adjustment of equipment and check-in its work in testing regime.

March 26, 2014 the Spanish company conducted first practical destruction of mines within the project. During this test were destroyed 2 canisters of CSF-1, containing a total of 144 PFM -1 anti-personnel mines.

This week will be destroyed 3 more CSF -1 canisters, containing a total of 216 mines.

It is assumed that the testing works at the site will continue until mid of May 2014. Belarus will continue to promptly inform the States Parties on the implementation of the project in accordance with agreed procedures under the Convention .

Thank you for your attention.