

Poland's update on stockpile destruction

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Madam President,

Since this is the first time that my delegation is taking the floor, I would like to commend your leadership and express our appreciation to you Madam President and the ISU team for the preparation for this meeting.

I would like also to congratulate Mr. Juan Carlos on his appointment as a Director of the ISU. We are fully confident that this is a perfect choice and we look forward for continuing our excellent cooperation.

Madam President,

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, Poland is obliged to destroy its anti-personnel mines stockpiles until 1st June 2017. Let me present a concise update on the progress of stockpile destruction.

The overwhelming majority of the stockpiles, that amounted to over 1 million pieces, had been destroyed well before Poland actually ratified the Convention.

In March 2015 a relevant contract was signed for the destruction of the remaining almost 17 thousand PSM-1 type anti-personnel mines.

According to the agreed terms of the contract all mines and their elements were transported in 2015 to Germany where the destruction is being conducted and the process is finalizing now. Its projected completion date is the end of June 2016 so we hope that at the next Meeting of State Parties to the Convention Poland will have a pleasure to inform about completion of the destruction of its all anti-personnel mines stockpiles.

Thank you, Madam President.