

**Statement by Greece to the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel mines and on their Destruction (Geneva, 24 June 2011)- Article 3**

Mr. Co- Chair,

With regard to Greece's obligations emanating from Article 3 of the Convention, I will make the following brief statement, which is the first under this item since Greece's accession to the Convention in 2004:

At present Greece has a stockpile of 6,158 mines retained for training purposes, of which the majority are M14s. Since our accession to the Convention, when we had declared a stockpile of 7,224 mines under Article 3, we have destroyed 1,066 APMs for training purposes. More specifically, a number of Engineers training units in Greece have trained military staff who participate in Peace-keeping operations, as a result of Greece's international obligations. The authority responsible for this training is the Engineers General Directorate of the Army General Staff.

Thank you Mr. Co- Chair.