

Speech of Director of TMAC on
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Dear Mr. Co Chair and Distinguish Delegates,

May I take this opportunity to report the progress on Mine Action Operation related to technology implementation.

TMAC has received technology assistance from the United States Humanitarian Demining Program or USHDP in testing of Mechanical Equipments which are the Tempests and the Pearson tractors since 1999 operating mine clearance in mine field areas along Thai-Cambodian border. The assistance from The United States Government has been gradually decrease since September 2002. And the budget from the government has been cut down.

TMAC has submitted the requirement to the Government on the invention program of small Mechanical Equipment that be able to use the cultivator system to clear Anti personnel Landmine in the mine affected area.

The Willing compny in Slovakia that produce the small high performance Mechanical equipment Diana 40 T is interested in the mine clearance program of TMAC and give advise that we should outline the working plan of the project in using this equipment and the company will help TMAC in seeking fund from donor countries by passing the project to the neighboring country of Slovakia.

Besides Thailand has Military Dogs Training Center working on dog's bleeding. Hopefully in 2 generations that we'll be able to train Demining dogs on sniffing the anti personnel land mines that still contaminated in the mine area.

Since TMAC still lacks of Mechanical Equipment to support the operation of the Humanitarian Mine Action Unit in the mine affected area. In order to continue the implementation of mine clearance effectively. In this regards, we still need the international assistance especially from the Donor Countries to support Thai Land Mine Action Center of the mine clearance program in Thailand. .

Thank you
very much.
