Stockpiling and Destruction in Thailand

Mr. Co-Chair, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thailand would like to inform that we have already destroyed 117,557 APLs during 1999-2001. We plan to destroy 120,000 APLs this year as follows:

In April and May destroyed 40,000 APLs and will destroy in June, August for 20,000 APLs each month, and in July for 40,000 APLs.

In 2003, we plan to destroy 100,168 APLs but the Army Arsenal exploded on 25th October 2001 and destroyed 48,688 APLs. Therefore, there are 51,480 APLs left to destroy within April 2003 in accordance with the Ottawa Convention. The number of retained APLs will be 4,970 for training and research purposes.

Thank You

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