

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair,

In the Landmine Monitor Fact Sheet prepared by Human Rights Watch for this Meeting on Mines with Sensitive Fuses and Sensitive Anti-Handling Devices, it is stated that "there appears to be agreement, with some notable exceptions, that a mine that relies on a tripwire, breakwire or a tilt rod as its sole firing mechanism should be considered an antipersonnel mine".

Croatia fully subscribes to this statement. Moreover, in order to make the agreement on this issue even stronger, we would like to point out that, although TMRP-6 mines do not rely on tilt rod as its sole firing mechanism, and in that sense do not constitute antipersonnel mines, we decided to take a step further and remove tilt rods from these mines so as to exclude every possibility for these mines to be activated by persons. This means that now all TMRP-6 mines in Croatia can be used exclusively as anti-vehicle mines which can only be detonated by pressure force of 250-300 kilos.

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