

**NIGERIAN STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AS CO-
RAPPORTEUR OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION
ANTI PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION 11TH
MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
CAMBODIA 2011**

Nigeria was pleased to have been approached by the outgoing Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention to request that Nigeria, at the 11MSP, take on the task of serving as Co-Rapporteur, followed by serving as Co-Chair during the 12th Meeting of States Parties (MSP), of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction.

2. Nigeria is proud of the role it played, along with Greece, in leading the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance and is grateful that it has again been called upon to exercise leadership in the pursuit of the Convention's aims.

3. Nigeria understands that the matter of stockpiled destruction remains relevant for only a small number of States Parties. Nevertheless the challenges faced by the States Parties are great. Moreover, as we have seen earlier this week, this movement is growing and new States Parties likely will report that they have stocks of mines that will need to be destroyed.

4. Finally, Mr President, it gives me great pleasure to announce that we would accept the responsibility and we look forward to doing our best to assist in the stockpile destruction efforts by those States who have such stocks to destroy.

5. I thank you for attention.