

Ethiopia
Progress Report /Update of Mine Clearance /
For The 7MSP.

**Which is prepared based on the questioners distributed from the President Designated of
the Seventh meetings of the state parties.**

Regarding Mine Clearance/ Related to Article 5/

- The Ethiopian Government has already established The Ethiopian Mine Action Office to clear landmines including anti personnel mines on the identified mined areas. Currently the Ethiopian Mine action Office has finalized the next five years strategic plan, which incorporate mine clearance as a major component.
- In addition to those information we provide trough our delegate in may 2006 to Intercessional standing committee meeting, The Ethiopian Mine Action Office has cleared about 2,585,817.6 sq.meteres of mine contaminated land & destroyed 257AP, 7AT 8,614 UXO's as of August 2006. And this demining activity is currently ongoing by integrated mine clearance methods, which consists of six manual demining companies, containing more than 700 demining personnel, three mechanical deminig teams, and seven mine detection dog teams.
- Based on our national land mine impact survey & our drafted strategic plan we hope, we will finalize land mine clearance from high priority area in six years time from now. Which means by the year 2013 Article 5 will be fulfilled.
- The Ethiopian government has taken a loan many to fulfill the obligation. But this loan alone is not enough, and we expect from the donor communities & concerned international institutes more financial & technical supports. And on this occasion we would like to extend our appreciation for those who already begun the financial & technical assistance.
- The Ethiopian Mine Action Office is largely managing the mine clearance & related mine action activities to develop the national capacity & full owner ship of the mine action program.

- As stated in on different occasions the immense landmine problem on different corners of the nation could not be alleviated with national capacity alone, so financial & technical support are demanding from the international community.