Thank you, Madam President. First I would like to congratulate you as well as the vice-president on your election.

Madam President,
Latvia became a State Party on 1 January 2006. In April 2006, the initial report was submitted. Latvia pledged to destroy its stockpile in 2006, the first year of its accession to the Convention.

Madam President,
I would like to inform the floor leaders that Latvia has met with its pledge and

was completed its early destruction of stockpile. On 2 August 2006 Latvia informed the Department for Permanent Affairs of the UN that it had fulfilled its obligations on stockpile destruction under Article 4 of the Convention by destroying 24,900 units of blasting mines PMN-2 that were declared as stockpile.

Under provisions of Article 3 Latvia has retained 420 units of blasting mines PMN-2 and 881 units of bounding mines O2M-9 for training purposes, that came to total of 1,361 mines. Thank you, Madam President.