Update of Mine Clearance From Ethiopia
/Progress Report For The 8MSP/

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The State’s plan for the destruction of AP mines in mined areas.

- The Government has established and support Ethiopian Mine Action Office as a humanitarian focal point to alleviate Landmine problem in its jurisdiction.

- The office with government contribution, loan & international support has built its capacity to address the problem.

- Currently the office has organized & deployed six skilled manual demining companies (consisting of more than 700 professionals), Six Mechanical demining teams, 12 MDD teams & Five technical survey/ rapid response teams/, working in prioritized regions of identified mined areas.

- Strategic plan for mine clearance & Mine risk education program has been developed for the destruction of anti personnel mines & other mines around the identified mined area before the obligation deadline.
2 Progress on the national demining program.

- Six manual demining companies, twelve MDD team, six mechanical demining teams have conducted integrated mine clearance activities on those prioritized areas of Tigray, Afar & Somali regions.

- After the update provided in the last standing committee meeting, more than 2.85 million sq. meters of mine infested areas are cleared, 1,263 AP mines, 99 AT mines and 2,535 UXO are found and destroyed (since 30th September 2007).

- Five technical survey teams are deployed on mine suspected areas of Tigray, Oromya, Somalia, Amhara and Dredaw regions.

- Consequently over 37.46 million sq. meters of suspected mined areas are technically verified and released for the community use.

- These figures do not include those destroyed mines which are collected through community reports.

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Clearance & demolition of mines & UXO’s.
3 Remaining works to destroy AP mines in mined areas.

• The Technical survey teams are currently verifying those identified mined areas by the ELIS, and up to the mid 2008 they are expected to come up with actual perimeter and size of the mine fields.

• Those collected data will assist for better estimation of the remaining works around the mined area.

• We expect mine clearance to speed up with the existing momentum & destruction of anti personnel mines from high prioritized areas to be completed up to 2010 & the remaining suspected mined area before the deadline.
Mine Suspected Weredas To Be Verified By Technical Survey (TS) Team

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Areas To Be Verified by Technical Survey

Ethiopia Regional Boundary

Legend

Scale 1:5500000

0 50 100 150 200 250 300 Kilometers

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Legend
- Somali zone
- Mine Suspected Weredas
- Mined areas
4 Prospective end-date to implement as per article 5

- Currently we don’t think any circumstances that may impede mine clearance in our jurisdiction, except resource limitation. The obligation deadline for Ethiopia is 2014 but as per the existing effort & progress shown we don't anticipate extension request to meet the obligation.
5 Financial & technical means dedicated to ensure fulfillment of article 5 obligation.

- The lion share of national mine clearance activity is currently financed by the Government of Ethiopia in collaboration with EU and UNDP.

- The Ethiopian Mine Action Office, which is humanitarian Governmental focal point for mine clearance and MRE activity has built its technical competence through Government and other Internationals assistance.
6 National Ownership & capacity development

- NPA & other International agencies have positively contributed to create national demining competency in having technical demining professionals & other resource mobilization to address the landmine problem in Ethiopia.

- But mostly the Mine Action Activity in Ethiopia, especially mine clearance & MRE, from the beginning is conducted by national organization. With some technical & training assistance from UN & Other International agencies.
7 External assistance to fulfill Article 5 obligation

- Binge the heavily mine contaminated country, with difficult topography & conditions for mine clearance, the demand of external assistance to tackle the landmine problem is mandatory.

- Considering the above facts, the national demining strategic plan states that external assistance in resource mobilization is unavoidable to fulfill article 5 obligations.
Integrated Mine clearance deployment in Ethiopia
To look the ongoing mine clearance implementation further, you may collect copy of other slides print out on the documentation area.

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