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**In The Name of Merciful God
The Word of Republic Of Yemen's Head of Delegation**

Your Excellence:

Mr. President,

Heads and Members Of Respected ,Delegations:

At The beginning may you allow me to congratulate you for electing you president for the fifth meeting of The States parties of OTAWA Convention, hoping for you successful administration of The meeting, however, your capability to attain that is of on doubt.

WE Thank The Kingdom OF Thailand for The Marvelous Arrangements that have been undertaken to facilitate the success of this meeting.

Mr. President:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Heads and Members of Respected Delegation,

WE would like to ensure you of our totally certain commitment in the Republic of Yemen to the convention which the President of The Republic of Yemen Personally cares about and is concerned to fulfill its humanitarian aims..

In this Occasion we call Upon brothers and friends all over the world who have not yet signed or agreed to comply with this convention, to reconsider their stands and participate with us by signing the convention so as to help creating a humanitarian world and getting rid of Anti-personnel Mines' Cartographies in their own and other countries..

Please allow me to brief you about what we, In The Republic of Yemen have accomplished in complying with our commitments to the convention :-

* WE fulfilled our commitment concerning articles (1) and(2)..

* For article (4) which points out at destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines' stockpiles, We would like to ensure you that in 24/4/2002 we had completed our last stockpile destruction in Presence of The Prime Minister of The Republic of Yemen ...By that we finished with what article(4) obliged.

* Concerning article(5) which states that Anti-Personnel Mines should be destroyed in the mined areas.. etc....

In this respect we prepared a 5-years' plan, for clearing up mined areas which has already been surveyed. Meanwhile we were capable to clearing up more that (128) million squared meters, distributed on (8) Governments out of (20) governments of Yemen Republic, All of them Include Mined Areas. The (8) cleared Governments were handed over to Local Administration.

On the other hand public awareness about mines' dangers was spreaded among 131 villages affected, and populated with 322 thousands including men, women, and children. Also, half a million of posters and circulars are explaining



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about mine's dangers were distributed, and a good group of youths have been trained, Men and Women of different levels of educations. Training included how to publicise awareness on mines among their rural folks “ Yemen Awareness Organization” was involved in carrying out this task. Starting Jan.2003,we use detecting dogs to help in discovering Anti-Personnel mines ..

Mr. President, Delegations:

Mention is worthwhile about victims of Anti-Personnel mines and the assistances introduced to them through the Yemeni National Committee and The Yemeni Government's support in this Humanitarian issue which is more than that indicated by article(6) of the convention . The assistance was formulated in four stages:

- A) First stage: Affected areas were visited, The victims were questioned, and for every one a file was opened in which all information pertinent to him and his state were registered.
- B) All surviving victims were taken to specialized hospitals for treatment and assessment to their injuries. This Programme was conducted in Highly- Affected areas by mines. Sixty five Operations were operated on limbs for correction, Many moving chairs were distributed, The same with artificial limbs and audio detecting (335) badly affected up to end of august 2003, out of 5075 victims.

The Programme in this sphere is ongoing, so as to reach every victim, assist them and help them to be reintegrated in the society. On the other hand we are preparing to form an association for Anti-personnel mines victims through which we shall start the fourth stage of this programme : Raising Awareness.

Relevant to article(7) we comply with it completely sending its reports to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Annually in a high pattern of transparency.

Complying with article (9) of the convention we introduced the law for mines prohibition to the council of deputies for legislation (A copy will be Distributed), where as the cabinet has Already endorsed it..

Mr. President, Dignified, Delegations:

As Depicted above it is apparent that the Republic of Yemen is complying totally with the convention . At the conclusion our delegation raise thanks and gratitude to all donors states for assisting and supporting the continuous efforts to achieve the convention's humanitarian aims helping humanbeings to live in peace and prosperity..

Minister of state
Cabinet member
President of The Yemeni National Committee
For dealing with Anti-personnel Mines
Republic of Yemen