

Presentation on the implementation by Turkmenistan of the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction

Ladies and Gentlemen, Colleagues,

Turkmenistan is fully aware of the importance of neutrality and highly values that status. That is why my country spares no efforts seeking to implement all necessary obligations. One of the principal obligations is the implementation of the Convention's requirements regarding the use of anti-personnel mines, the replenishment of stockpiles of mines, their production and transfer, as well as their destruction. The Mejlis (Parliament) of Turkmenistan took the decision to accede to the Convention on December 24, 1997. At that time Turkmenistan had in its arsenals anti-personnel mines whose types and quantity are recorded in the Annex N1 to this presentation. There were all together 1.174.384 mines of 14 various types and markings.

After the ratification and the entry into force of the Mine Ban Treaty the Armed Forces of Turkmenistan initiated the activities aimed at the destruction of the anti-personnel mines simultaneously at several test ranges (trainings centers). The destruction was carried out by explosions and partial utilization. That is, such mines as the POMZ-2, POMZ-2M (anti-personnel fragmentation-type mines with circular casualty effect), and the PDM-6M (wooden anti-personnel mine) were destroyed by mechanically destroying their cases. As of today 1.165.183 mines have been destroyed.

The destruction work was not very fast because the Armed Forces of Turkmenistan did not have a sufficient number of experts specialized in the destruction of anti-personnel mines. In the course of the destruction activities, however, new demining experts were trained and exercises were held. American experts participated on several occasion in such training and exercises. Much

time was also devoted to the complete clearing of the areas of mine destruction of all remaining potentially explosive elements in order to avoid casualties among the deminers and the civilian population.

Much attention was paid and is still paid to preventing the disappearance of mines from places of storage, during their transportation to the area of destruction and at the time of their destruction.

That is how Turkmenistan succeeded in practically totally destroying its anti-personnel mines. In the first quarter of 2004 it destroyed 60.000 more mines from the earlier retained 69.200 mines. Finally, all the 9.200 mines remaining in Turkmenistan now for training purposes will be destroyed during the current year.

There are no mined areas in Turkmenistan, and no anti-personnel mines are produced.

Detailed information is provided in Annex 1.

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on the available and destroyed anti-personnel mines
in the armed forces of Turkmenistan

No.	Type of a mine	Number of mines, as of 21 12. 1997 (the day of the adoption of the Convention by the Mejlis of Turkmenistan)	Mines, which were destroyed in 1997-2003	Mines, which have been destroyed in 2004	Mines, which have been kept for the training purposes
1.	PMN – Anti-personnel landmine	31 454	31 254	-	200
	PMN-2 – Anti-personnel landmine	182 657	172 657		1 000
2	PMN-3 – Anti-personnel landmine	29 993	29 993	-	-
3	KPOM-2c – Cluster anti-personnel fragmentation-type mine (with a self-destroying device)	9 100	7 100	1 000	1 000
4.	KPOM-2 – Cluster anti-personnel fragmentation-type mine	17 800	17 800	-	-
5	KSF-1 – Cluster anti-personnel landmine	10 423	10 423	-	-
6	KSF-1c - Cluster anti-personnel landmine (with a self-destroying device)	65 305	58 305	6 000	1 000
7	OZM-72 - Fragmentation-type defensive (circular casualty effect)	620 845	600 845	18 000	2 000
8	MON-50 - Fragmentation-type directional mine	83 422	78 422	4 000	1 000
9	MON-90 - Fragmentation-type directional mine	5 842	842	4 000	1 000
10	MON-100 - Fragmentation-type directional mine	42 960	32 960	9 000	1 000
11	MON-200 - Fragmentation-type directional mine	14 410	4 410	9 000	1 000
12	POMZ-2M – Anti-personnel fragmentation-type mine (circular casualty effect)	52 072	52 072		-
13	POMZ-2 – Anti-personnel fragmentation-type mine (circular casualty effect)	4 200	4 200		-
14	PDM-6M – Anti-personnel	3 900	3 900		-

	wooden mine				
	TOTAL	1 174 383	1 105 183	60 000	9 200