



Mr. President,
Your Royal Highness,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Jordan last reported to the States Parties on Article 5 implementation during the June Intersessional Meetings of the Standing Committees. Since that time, Jordan has continued to implement its Article 5 Mine Clearance obligations by working on two main fronts, namely mine clearance along Jordan's northern border and in the Jordan Valley. The two major projects covering these areas represent the last remaining tasks to be implemented by Jordan, in order to fulfill its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its revised deadline of May 2012.

First I would like to report on the progress of the **Northern Border Mine Clearance Project**.

In the six month period since Jordan last reported on Article 5, and as of October 31 2010, over 11,500 AP mines and over 7,600 AT mines were cleared and destroyed by our demining partner Norwegian People's Aid. Manual clearance was implemented on over 143,000 m² of land, while around 1.3 million square meters of land was verified by utilizing manual, mechanical and Mine Detection Dog methods.

At the end of this past October, just over 63% of the North Border Project's clearance phase has been completed, as well as 44% of the verification phase. That is, just under 55,000 mines remain out of the original estimate of 136,000. Clearance is moving ahead at a very good pace and we therefore believe we are on track to meeting our extended mine clearance deadline of May 2012.

With regards to funding of the North Border Project, sufficient funding has been mobilized from Australia, Canada, Germany, Norway and the United States of America which will allow NPA and NCDR's operations to continue throughout the remainder of 2010.

However, despite obtaining enough funds for 2010, Jordan is still working to raise funding for 2011. It is anticipated that a further \$1.5 million USD will be needed to see us through to the completion of mine clearance of Jordan's North Border. Further funding is also needed to ensure that quality assurance and control by NCDR's independent quality management team can continue through 2011 and 2012.



NPA plans to complete manual clearance before the end of 2011 with verification conducted by NCDR's quality management team subsequently completed by May 2012. ~~If the required funding for 2011 is not met, the deadline for completing verification may have to be re-visited.~~

With regards to the border demarcation issue along the ^{North Border} ~~Jordan Syria border~~, Jordan would like to report that clearance operations are underway in the disputed areas with the full support of both ~~Jordanian and Syrian~~ authorities. This clearly demonstrates the good will of both sides to support humanitarian mine clearance without impediment.

Secondly, I would like to report on the progress of the **Jordan Valley Sampling and Verification Project**.

The results of an NCDR Non-Technical survey have identified that 190 Suspected Hazardous Areas of the original 267 in the Jordan Valley are in need of quality control and verification (approximately 12.5 million m²). Since starting sampling and verification, three Royal Engineering Corps teams working under the direction of the NCDR have removed 179 explosive items. As of October 2010 the NCDR estimates the remaining area to be sampled for the overall project is about 6 million m². Sampling and verification and land release measures are currently ongoing.

The Jordan Valley Project; which was initiated with the assistance of the REC, NPA, Mines Advisory Group, GICHD and UNDP and which is currently supported by funding from the Governments of Belgium, Germany and the United States of America, will see the release of known suspected hazardous areas in the Jordan Valley by April 2012. This calculation is based on the use of a combination of 26 manual deminers (REC), 4 Quality Management Officers (NCDR), mechanical assets (Aardvark & Bozena 5) and 9 Mine Detection Dogs. Jordan is however seeking funding for the Jordan Valley Project's operations in 2012.

Please be assured that Jordan remains highly committed to meeting its Article 5 obligations, and we are confident that with continued assistance from the States Parties, and hard work of its partners, it will achieve this goal.

Thank You Mr. President.