

STATEMENT OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION ON ARTICLE 3
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Turkey has been providing the numbers of anti-personnel mines retained according to Article 3 of the Convention. To complement the figures provided in our reports, I shall mention that 50 mines, 25 in 2008 and 25 in 2009, were used for mine detection and clearance techniques, as well as training and research purposes. The most recent figure stands at fifteen thousand and one hundred (15.100).

Last but not least, these mines which are held for permitted purposes will be subject to review, once the stockpile destruction process comes to an end. As I have elaborated on the stockpile process before in the relevant Standing Committee, I see no reason to repeat on the priorities that I have explained in detail therein.