Chairperson, members of Head table, distinguised Country representatives, Special Delegates. Good morning every body

Sri Lanka's Vision is to be a mine free Country and mine Impact free Country by 2020.

- .With regard to implementation of Article 5 by end December 2017 - at entry into force, Sri Lanka reported 27 Sq km of remaining areas for Demining

- According to IMSMA the Current remaining area for demining is 24Sqk as at April 2019

- The intial Suspected area and Conforma Contaminated area is 1302Sqkm in 2009 This was reduced to 24 Sqkm by april 2019

- However the real remaining area to be Cleared is 13.9 Sqkm. As IMSMA may not Capture data for Partialy Completed Plots, the Progress is not fully reflected in the IMSMA.

- However newly discovered area of 3 sq km has been incorporated

- Under the Current funding arrangement It will be only Possible to Complete 7.9 sqkm in 2019; 9.18 sqkm in 2020; and 6.8 Sqkm in 2021. If funding is made available for demining

- Currently Halo Trust, MAG, DASH, SHARP, Sri Lanka Army are the opearaters clearing the land mines

- Norway government has Committed U$ 6.8 Mn to Support demining in SriLanka

- The Main Challenges includes newly discovered mines.

- As at 30th April 2019, 737,464 Anti Personnel mines have been destroyed in Mined Fields and 1,407,689 other explosive items have been destroyed. The other explosive items includes Anti tank, (A.T. Un exploded ordinance, (UXO) Small Arms Ammunition. (SAA)

- Based on the National and the International Standared NMAC has set priorities based on high impacts rathor than Just undertaking

demining of lands for out puts.
Accordingly Priority has been given to residential
areas of villages identified for resettlement,
livlihoods areas, access to Schools, hospitals,
religious Centres, main Roads Which are considered
as high Priority land needed for agriculture
infrastructure, development which have high
Impact. Impact is considered as more
important Than out puts.