

## **Delegation of Ukraine**

### **Intervention on the issue of compliance with Article 4 at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of State-Parties banning the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of anti-personnel landmines and on their destruction 24 November 2022**

Mr.President.

When Ukraine signed the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Convention in 1999 it possessed fifth largest APLs stockpile in the world. This meant that destruction process of the APLs in Ukraine could be neither easy, nor speedy. Today`s stockpile consists of more then 3,3 million units of PFM-1 type of APLs. This is the same quantity, which was registered by the end of 2021.

Since the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine numerous military bases, military storage facilities, including APLs stocks were targeted by Russian strikes. One of the largest Ukrainian munition storage facility in Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast, was captured by Russia and liberated only on 8 September 2022. Ukraine will carry out the estimation of the amount of its PFM-1 APLs and will make corrections to its mine register. Relevant data will be presented in the national report in accordance with Article 7 prior to 30 April 2023.

According to the information provided by the Ministry of Defense, Ukraine, being in war, never considered to use its APLs stockpiles for the defensive purposes.

I avail also this opportunity to express gratitude to the delegations which provided support and assistance to Ukraine in its anti-mine efforts.

Thank you, Mr.President.