

Hellenic Republic
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Mine Ban Treaty
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Statement on Stockpile Destruction

At the outset, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the President of the 5th Review Conference, H.E. Ly Thuch, and his team, as well as to the Implementation Support Unit, for their tireless efforts in organizing this highly significant meeting in the field of multilateral disarmament.

Your unwavering dedication ensures the success and tangible outcome of the Review Conference, and we would like to assure you of our delegation's full support in your endeavors.

We also wish to express our deep appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to us by the Government of Cambodia in the beautiful city of Siem Reap, which provides an inspiring setting for shaping the roadmap toward our common ambition of a mine-free world.

Mr. President, Dear Colleagues,

Greece, since its accession to the Mine Ban Treaty, has undertaken all necessary measures to fulfill its obligations and thus has ensured the destruction of its APLM stockpile through a contractual agreement signed with the Hellenic Defence Systems (HDS) company for this purpose. However, unforeseen circumstances beyond our control have delayed the completion of our stockpile destruction process.

In light of the above, we would like to provide a brief update on our continued efforts to destroy the remaining stockpile of APLMs.

Mr. President, Dear Colleagues,

Since July 2023, when the destruction process of our APLM stockpile was set back on track, 100,076 mines—representing 30% of our stockpile—have been safely transferred to Demil Tech Company's facilities in Croatia for destruction. Of this quantity, 48,592 APLMs have already been destroyed.

Moreover, we would like to underline that, thus far, the destruction process, as well as the transportation of the APLMs from the warehouses

of the Hellenic Army General Staff, is proceeding smoothly and in a timely manner.

Last but not least, we would like to reiterate Greece's strong commitment to the Mine Ban Treaty and despite the challenges we have encountered, we remain strongly committed to our shared goal of a world free of APLMs

Thank you.