

HELLENIC REPUBLIC
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Statement on Stockpile Destruction

Madam President,

As this is the first time we take the floor under your presidency, allow me to congratulate you on the assumption of your duties and to assure you of our delegation's full support in your endeavours.

Madam President, Dear Colleagues,

Greece, despite the challenges it has faced in destroying its Anti-Personnel Landmine (APLM) stockpile, remains fully committed to our shared goal of a world free of APLMs. In this vein, the Hellenic Ministry of National Defence has undertaken all feasible measures to fulfil its obligations under the Ottawa Treaty and has ensured the necessary funding for the implementation of the contractual agreement which has been signed with the Hellenic Defence Systems (HDS) company for the destruction of our APLM stockpile.

In light of the above, we would like to provide a brief update on our continued efforts to destroy the remaining stockpile of APLMs since the 5th Review Conference.

Madam President,

Since July 2023, when the destruction process of our APLM stockpile was set back on track, 128.995 landmines have been safely transferred to Demil-Tech Company's facilities in Croatia for destruction. Of this total, 84.548 APLMs have already been destroyed, 35.956 of which were destroyed after the 5th Review Conference.

However, at the beginning of the year, Demil-Tech Company informed us that the transportation and destruction process had to be temporarily paused due to capacity improvements at their facilities aimed, among other things, at increasing the daily destruction rate of the APLMs. According to recent information provided by Demil-Tech, the destruction process is expected to resume in the coming week.

We would also like to underline that the relevant destruction protocols are countersigned by the Quality Assurance department of the Croatian Ministry of Defence to ensure that the process is conducted in full compliance with environmental and safety standards and legislation.

Madam President, Dear Colleagues,

Since becoming a party to the Ottawa Convention, Greece has spared no effort in fulfilling all its obligations. With regard to our commitment under Article 4 of the Convention, we have consistently addressed the challenges encountered with the utmost transparency and sincerity, and we will, of course, continue to do so.

Thank you for your attention