

Article 4
Statement by Ukraine on the Implementation
of Article 4 of the Ottawa Convention

Mi. President, distinguished participants of the meeting!

Ukraine remains committed its obligations concerning the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines. Prior to the escalation of hostilities, Ukraine had successfully destroyed over 2.5 million stockpiled mines.

However, the full-scale armed aggression against Ukraine has had a profound impact on our ability to continue this process. At present, Ukraine lacks both the security conditions and the financial capacity necessary to carry out further destruction of remaining stockpiles. Several storage facilities have been damaged, are located in temporarily occupied territories, or are otherwise inaccessible due to ongoing security risks.

We acknowledge the requirement to submit a time-bound plan for the completion of our Article 4 obligations. Regrettably, under current circumstances, the development of such a plan is not feasible.

Ukraine is grateful for the understanding and continued support of the States Parties. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to fulfilling our Article 4 obligations as soon as conditions permit, and we look forward to resuming this critical work once security and stability have been restored.

I thank you.