

Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties of the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction*

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Thank you Mr President,

As we already mentioned in our general statement, we have destroyed over 90 % of our anti-personnel mine stockpiles. Just to add some accuracy we can already at this stage provide the following numbers that will also be reported in 2014.

The destruction of Finland's stockpile of a bit over one million anti-personnel mines commenced immediately after the entry-into-force of the Convention in Finland in 2012.

Altogether this year well over 700.000 mines were destroyed. Taking into account the over 200.000 anti-personnel mines destroyed already in 2012, Finland has by this day destroyed over 90 % of its anti-personnel mine stockpiles. We will complete the destruction task by the end of 2015 – well ahead of the schedule required by the Convention.