

Thailand's Intervention
Agenda item 7: Review of the operation and status of the Convention
Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines
26 November 2019

Mr. President,

Thank you for the insightful report on the progress of stockpile destruction as well as on the recommendation regarding the remaining challenges in the next five years.

Thailand wishes to reiterate its commitment in the destruction of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines, as stipulated in the Convention. By fulfilling this important obligation, we can ensure that risks from mine-related incidents could be reduced and more lives could therefore be saved.

Mr. President,

After becoming a Party to the Convention in 1998, Thailand disposed the total of 335,843 anti-personnel mines in its stockpiles in April 2003, while retaining 3,133 anti-personnel mines for training purposes, in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention.

I am delighted to announce that in August 2019, Thailand finally disposed the remaining of anti-personnel mines in its stockpiles, as part of the fulfillment of its obligation under Article 4 of the Convention. Therefore, from 10 August 2019, Thailand no longer retains anti-personnel mines.

Thailand believes that stockpile destruction is a crucial step towards the goal of mine-free world. It is therefore vital to ensure that anti-personnel mines being stockpiled or produced are never used and that the mine ban norm becomes truly universal.

I thank you, Mr. President.