

**Third Review Conference 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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**Statement by Finland / agenda #7b**

Thank you Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues,

Mr. President, let me first congratulate you and thank Mozambique for all the preparations for the Review Conference and for hosting us this week. We are convinced that we will have a fruitful week here in Maputo.

It gives me great pleasure to address you all today since Finland is participating a Review Conference of the Convention for the first time as a States Party.

Let me first mention that Finland has not been producing anti-personnel mines since 1981 and all the production lines have been destroyed.

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.

On the issue of updating you on the stockpile destruction, Finland has already destroyed around 95 % of its anti-personnel mine stockpiles. As it has been mentioned in our regular 2014 report a total of 744 891 anti-personnel mines were destroyed last year.

All the remaining anti-personnel mines remain in secured stockpiles of the Finnish Defence Forces.

Taking into account the over 200.000 anti-personnel mines destroyed already in 2012, Finland has by this date, as said, destroyed 95 % of its anti-personnel mine stockpiles. We will complete the destruction by the end of 2015 – well ahead of the schedule required by the Convention.

Thank you Mr. President