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The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their destruction, commonly known as the Ottawa Convention, and has the honour to bring to the latter’s knowledge the report of the Hellenic Republic for the last calendar year, in conformity with article 7 of the aforesaid Convention.

1. Demining (Art.7, par. f, g)

A) Of the existing in the beginning of 2004, minefields (in the frontiers in the region of Evros river), 30% has been eliminated.
B) Of the 24,751 (22,589M 16 type and 2,162 M2 type) antipersonnel mines, emplaced in these minefields (reported in our first report, dated 23-6-2004), 4,372 have already been cleared and destroyed.
C) Mine clearance is expected to be completed within 2011, i.e. three years prior to the time limit set for our country by the Ottawa Convention.

2. Mines to be retained for training purpose (Art 3)

In accordance with article 3 of the Convention, the Hellenic Republic has the intention to retain the following number of antipersonnel mines for reasons of training in mine detection, mine clearance and mine destruction techniques.

- M14 type of mines: 3,780
- DM 31 type of mines: 1,512
- M2 type of mines: 1,512
- M16 type of mines: 420
- **Grand total**: 7,224

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3. Measures to provide effective warning to the populations and in particular illegal immigrants attempting to enter the country through minefields (Art. 7 par.1)

All minefields in the Evros area are fenced. All fenced perimeters are doubled layered and meet standards exceeding those described in NATO’s STANAGs requirements. Fenced perimeters are regularly maintained. The Greek Army General Staff has granted 10,000 meters of barbed wire which is to be placed between internal and external perimeters. This work is in progress.

4. Stockpiled Mines-Program of Destruction (Art 7 par 1.b)

As stated in our previous report, the Hellenic Republic has the following stockpile of anti-personnel landmines:

- a. M2 type landmines of 214,374
- b. DM 31 type landmines 794,400
- c. M16 type landmines 553,359
- d. M14 type landmines 3,895
- e. Mine shells of 155 mm Adam a total of 504

**Grand total** 1,566,532

The destruction has been included in the program of the Greek Army for the destruction of ammunition. For its destruction, an international tender will take place in the near future. The study for this project has already been completed and the relevant budget has been approved. It is estimated that the following year, the Greek Army will spend for the destruction of ammunition the following amounts (approx):

- 5 million EURO for the year 2005
- 4 million EURO for the year 2006
- 4 million EURO for the year 2007

It has been decided that the priority will be given to antipersonnel mines. It is estimated that the stockpile of antipersonnel mines will be

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completely destroyed within the time limits provided by the Ottawa Convention. (With the exception of the quantities described in par 2)

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 30 April 2005