

RESOLUTION 65/63 – «Information on Confidence Building Measures in the Field of Conventional Arms»

Destruction of Anti – Personnel Mines

The Republic of Cyprus proceeded with the destruction of part of its stockpile of anti – personnel mines, retained under Article 3 of the Ottawa Convention. In specific, 494 anti-personnel mines were destroyed within October 2010, thus reducing the stockpile retained under Article 3 to 500 mines. This initiative was undertaken following the Cartagena Action Plan, which was adopted in 2009 in Colombia, at the 2nd Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention. Finally, a closing ceremony for this event was held on the 8th of October 2010, at the Firing Range of Kalo Chorio, Larnaca, which was attended by the Minister of Defence and other high ranking officials of the Republic of Cyprus.

Oslo Convention

The Republic of Cyprus signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions on the 23rd of September 2009, via the Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Mr Markos Kyprianou, at a Special Ceremony which was organized at the United Nations in New York. At the current stage, the text of the Convention has been translated into the Greek Language, and the Ratification Bill and explanatory memorandum have been drafted and submitted to the House of Representatives for ratification.