



**Statement at the thematic Session on Mandate of the President on stockpile
destruction and retention of mines for permitted purposes**

1. Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen First and foremost I convey my sincere gratitude and regards to all officials of Anti-Personnel Mine Ban convention for giving this opportunity , for giving a statement to Inter sessional meeting of Anti personal Mine Ban Convention relates to present states and progress of stockpile destruction process in Sri Lanka.
2. I am Brigadier Dumindu Jayasinghe Commander Field Engineer Brigade in Sri Lanka Army and also the Program Manager to Sri Lanka Army Humanitarian Demining Unit.
3. As per the instructions and guidelines of Anti-personnel mine ban convention, Sri Lanka Army had to demolish 55744 mines as stockpiles and we have demolished up to date 43904 mines as follows:
 - a. 2 Sri Lanka Ordnance Corps, Anuradhapura in North Central Province - 14 387 mines were demolished.
 - b. 3 Sri Lanka Army Ordnance Corps, Minneriya in Eastern Povince - 23680 mines were demolished.
 - c. 5 Sri Lanka Army ordnance Corps, Jaffna in Northern Province - 5098 mines were demolished.

d. 7 Sri Lanka Army Ordnance Corps, Mullative in Northern Province - 579 mines were demolished.

e. Forward Ordnance Depot, Vavuniya in Northern Province - 12000 mines were the stock and out of that we have demolished 160 mines. Ministry of Defence has already granted permission to demolish remain stock of 11840 mines. Demolition process is on progress and it will be demolished within a very short span of time period in future.

4. With regards to training mines in Sri Lanka. School of Military Engineering is located in Sabaragamu Province in Sri Lanka. It was given permission to retain 17500 mines and annually 1750 mines are supposed to use for field engineering training purposes and within the period of ten years. Up to date starting from 2019, School of Military Engineering has used 4020 mines for training purposes and scheduled to finish the whole stocks in 2028.

5. Ladies and Gentlemen This is the plan of Sri Lanka Army about Stockpile destructions and thank you very much for giving me this opportunity for enlighten all of you relates our achievements and I wish you all the very best for your all-future endeavors to reach desire goals in whole world.