

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON RESOLUTION ENTITLED
“ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION
OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION ”

New York, 29 October 2008

Mr. Chairman,

I am taking the floor to explain our vote before the vote on the Draft Resolution entitled “ Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction”

The Lao People's Democratic Republic supports the humanitarian endeavours of the Mine Ban Treaty and shares the concerns on the impact derived from anti-personal landmines. In this context, we have participated in the Treaty process, including various meetings of State Parties to the Treaty since its inception.

The Lao Government continues to express its interest in acceding to the Treaty. However, it still needs time and resources to prepare necessary conditions that would enable the country to accede to the convention and meet all provisions prescribed therein.

In that regard, my delegation will vote in favour of the resolution L. 6