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Letter dated 11 February 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, the Government of Turkmenistan has, from 1 February 2004, started the process of destruction of 60,000 anti-personnel mines. The process is scheduled to continue for three and a half months.

In this regard the Government of Turkmenistan is ready to invite interested parties to observe this process.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 73 (p) and 117 (c).

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