

SAUDI ARABIA  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*Royal Embassy of  
Saudi Arabia  
Nairobi*



مَسْأَلَةُ الْمَلِكِ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ السُّعُودِي  
نَيْرَوِي

**SPEECH OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

PRESENTED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL IBRAHIM BIN MOHAMMED AL ARIFI, HEAD OF THE SAUDI DELEGATION AT THE FIRST REVIEW SUMMIT OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTIPERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION HELD IN NAIROBI BETWEEN 28 NOVEMBER TO 03 DECEMBER 2004.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*Royal Embassy of  
Saudi Arabia  
Nairobi*



سفارة المملكة العربية السعودية  
نairobi

MR. CHAIRMAN

ASSALAAM ALAYKOM WARAHMATULAHI WABARAKATUHU

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ELECTION AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST REVIEW SUMMIT OF THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTIPERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION, CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL PRESIDE THE SUMMIT WITH OUTSTANDING EFFICACY AND ABILITY.

IT PLEASES ME ON THIS OCCASION TO APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT AND I THANK IT FOR ITS KIND INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SUMMIT. I WISH TO CONVEY THE GRATITUDE OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE SAUDI DELEGATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY AND OUR APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS AND MARVELOUS ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE. WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND GENEVA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN DEMINING.

Royal Embassy of  
Saudi Arabia  
Nairobi



مَسْفَرُ الْمَلِكِ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ  
نَيْرَوِي

MR. CHAIRMAN

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA IS A PEACEFUL AND PEACE LOVING COUNTRY IN WORD AND DEED AND MY GOVERNMENT HAS MAJOR ROLES IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. SAUDI ARABIA HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE ANTIPERSONNEL MINE PROHIBITION CONVENTION. IT VOTED IN FAVOUR AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN 1996, AND IT HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL MEETINGS HELD SINCE IT'S ADOPTION.

MR. CHAIRMAN

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA OBSERVES AND RESPECTS SPIRIT OF THIS CONVENTION. IT HAS NEVER USED ANTIPERSONNEL MINES, NOR HAS PRODUCED THEM. SUCH MINES HAVE NEVER BEEN TRANSFERRED TO OR FROM THE KINGDOM TO ANY DESTINATION, BE IT GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHERWISE.

SAUDI LAW FORBIDS ALL AUTHORITIES OTHER THAN THE ARMED FORCES FROM STOCKPILING MINES. MOREOVER, THERE ARE BINDING LAWS THAT FORBID ANYONE FROM ACQUIRING ANY TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE BE IT MINES, AMMUNITIONS OR OTHERWISE.

Royal Embassy of  
Saudi Arabia  
Nairobi



سفارة المملكة العربية السعودية  
نairobi

BY THE GRACE OF ALLAH THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS NEVER SUFFERED THE PROBLEM OF ANTIPERSONNEL MINES. NOT A SINGLE MINE HAS EVER BEEN PLANTED IN ITS SOIL. HENCE NONE OF ITS CITIZEN HAS SUFFERED A LANDMINE EXPLOSION.

MR. CHAIRMAN

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS CONTRIBUTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO DEMINING ACTIVITIES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. IT HAS EXTENDED MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS ENDING THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND HELPING DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TO CLEAR MINES WHICH IMPEDE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS. THE ANTIPERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION ADDS A POSITIVE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO THE HUMANANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT IS IMPORTANT, ON THIS OCCASION, TO CALL UPON MINE PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO STOP THIS PRODUCTION.

Royal Embassy of  
Saudi Arabia  
Nairobi



مَسْأَلَةُ الْمَلِكِ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ  
نَيْرَوِي

MR. CHAIRMAN

THE EVENTS OF THIS SUMMIT HAVE SHED LIGHT ON TRAGEDIES WHICH HAS COST MAN DEARLY EITHER THROUGH LOSE OF LIFE, SIGHT OR DISMEMBERMENT. IT IS AN EXTREMELY GRAVE AND PAINFUL MATTER THAT MUST BE STOPPED.

MR. CHAIRMAN

THE SAUDI DELEGATION IN THIS SUMMIT WISHES TO RE-AFFIRM ITS STRONG DESIRE THAT THE FOLLOWING BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE :

- STOPPING THE PRODUCTION OF MINES ESPECIALLY THE ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES.
- ESTABLISHING REHABILITATION CENTRES TO TREAT LANDMINE VICTIMS SUPPORTING PHILANTROPIC ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THIS FIELD.
- SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXERTED PERSONAL EFFORTS IN EXPOSING THE MAIN EFFECTS RESULTANT FROM THE USE OF LANDMINES.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*Royal Embassy of  
Saudi Arabia  
Nairobi*



مَنْفَاةُ الْمَلِكَةِ الْعَرَبِيَّةِ الْمَوْحِدَةِ  
نَيْرُونِي

MR. CHAIRMAN

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THROUGH ALL FORMS OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL MANKIND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. BESIDES IT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A SAFE AND PEACEFUL LIFE FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOUR, RELIGION OR STATUS BESIDES PROMOTING PEACE AND SECURITY AND LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND.

FINALLY, I REITERATE MY THANKS TO YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AND TO ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION.