MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION 16 January 2007

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DECLARATION OF COMPLETION¹

Presented by The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the UN Department of Disarmament Affairs - Geneva Branch and further to the Seventh Meeting of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, September 18-22, 2006, has the honour to enclose herewith the original of the Declaration of Completion of the Article 5 obligations of the Convention signed by HE Mr. Antonio Milošoski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia.

September 19, 2006

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Declaration of Completion

The Republic of Macedonia declares that it has destroyed all anti-personnel mines in areas under *its* jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines were known or suspected to be emplaced, in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention. The Republic of Macedonia declares that it completed this obligation on 15 September 2006.

In the event that previously unknown mined areas are discovered after Ms date, the Republic of Macedonia will:

- i. report such areas in accordance with its obligations under Article 7 and share such information through any other informal means such as Intersessional Work Programme, including the Standing Committee meetings;
- ii. ensure the effective exclusion of civilians in accordance with Article 5; and
- iii. destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel <u>min</u>es in these mined areas as a matter of urgent priority, making its needs for assistance known to other parties, as appropriate.

(<u>Signed</u>):	Antonio Milošoski