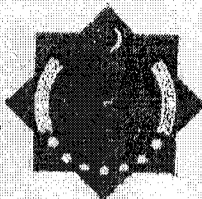


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The Embassy of Turkmenistan to the Kingdom of Belgium, Mission of Turkmenistan to NATO presents its compliments to the Secretariat of European Commission and has the honor to inform that according to Ottawa Convention, Turkmenistan has started the destruction of its antipersonnel landmines (approximately 60 000 landmines), by detonation beginning on 1 February 2004 and will continue the process in the course of three and a half months.

The Turkmen side has also acknowledged that the outside observers may participate in the destruction process.

The Embassy of Turkmenistan to the Kingdom of Belgium, Mission of Turkmenistan to NATO avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of European Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.



Brussels, 13th of February 2004

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