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Official Statement from meeting between

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Phil Lewis, Program Manager, UNMEE MACC

at 1515 hrs, 18 March 2002.

General Yohannes and Phil Lewis are pleased to jointly announce that the Ethiopian MOD has made further substantial progress on the provision of the remaining detailed minefield information.

The final pieces of information required relate to specific details of types and numbers of mines remaining in individual minefields. This will complete the Ethiopian minefield-mapping project, which has already provided details of numbers and types of mines per front during the previous conflict. These further details are being compiled by the Ethiopian MOD and will be available prior to 13 April 2002.

The provision of full minefield mapping information requested by UNMEE of Ethiopian minefields in the TSZ is being researched and provided in a comprehensive format by Ethiopia. This should provide an opportunity for Eritrean authorities to provide reciprocal access to valuable minefield data already held by UNMEE MACC on Eritrean minefields located in Ethiopia.

UNMEE hopes to be able to announce the finalisation of this humanitarian-based exchange of minefield information between the two Parties prior to 13 April 2002, thereby further confirming their joint commitment to the peace process.

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