MINE STOCPILE DESTRUCTION IN REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

MINE BAN TREATY, MEETING OF THE STOCPILE DESTRUCTION STANDING COMMITTEE

GENEVA, 6th FEBRUARY 2003

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SITUATION AND REALISED ACTIVITIES

• YEAR 2000 42921 PIECES OF APMs

• YEAR 2000 50 PIECES OF APMs DESTROYED AT THE “SUVENIR” FACTORY

• GOVERNMENT DECISION TO DESTROY REMAINING APMs OF 42.871 PIECES

• GOVERNMENT DECISION TO KEEP 4000 PIECES OF APMs FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
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OBSERVATION OF THE STOCKPILED ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES DESTRUCTION

- Macedonia/Ministry of defense
- NATO/KFOR
- Embassy of the USA
- British Embassy
- Embassy of the R.Turkey
- Royal Netherlands Embassy
- Embassy of the Italian Republic
- Office of the Canadian Embassy
- EUMM

- UNMAO
- UNDP
- Handicap International
- Care International
- Embassy of the R.Albania
- Embassy of the R.Bulgaria
- Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic
- Embassy of the FR Yugoslavia
- Embassy of the French Republic
DESTRUCTION METHODOLOGY

• DECOMPOSITION OF APMs

• DESTRUCTION OF APMs PARTS AS FOLLOW:

  □ Explosive trotyl – for training purposes
  □ Body of the mine, iron waste – melted in iron furnace
  □ Mechanical parts of the fuses - mechanically deformed
  □ Coil with pull wire and tin boxes - mechanically destroyed
  □ Plastic waste – broken and deformed
  □ The ignition parts of the fuses – destroyed by explosion
- POSITIVE INPUT
- READINESS TO FULFILL THE PROVISIONS OF CONVENTION
- TRANSPARENCY OF THE PROCESS
- SECURITY BUILDING MEASURES
NATIONAL PROGRAM

• GOVERNMENT DECISION FROM JANUARY 27 2003

• DESTRUCTION DATE FEBRUARY 20 2003 AT ATC “KRIVOLAK”

• OBSERAVTION AND VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION
QUESTIONS ?