



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

**Summary Report
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Introduction:

In accordance with the President's Action Programme adopted at the Third Meeting of the States Parties (3MSP), the first intersessional meeting of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction (CSD) focused its attention on global and regional stockpile destruction efforts, on the exchange of information on the ability of states to meet their destruction deadlines as well as on various means and measures to assist and support States Parties in the efficient, timely and environmentally friendly destruction of their APM stockpiles.

Overview of Stockpile Destruction Efforts:

Stephen Goose from ICBL and Landmine Monitor gave an overview of global stockpile destruction efforts based on the fact sheet prepared by the ICBL. Considering the fact that meeting the four year destruction deadline is an important legal obligation for States Parties he presented the following assessment: 31 States Parties have completed their stockpile destruction, 22 States Parties are in the process of completing their stockpile destruction and 16 States Parties, most of which have not submitted Article VII reports, have not yet begun their stockpile destruction programs. He emphasized that some States Parties with deadlines in 2003 are a long way from meeting that deadline.

Peru and Ecuador made presentations outlining how they had completed their stockpile destruction. Romania made a presentation on its stockpile destruction program, which will be concluded in 2004.

The following States Parties made national statements on their stockpile destruction: Slovenia, Italy, Yemen, Uganda, Chad, Brazil, Croatia, Nicaragua, Jordan, Mozambique, Congo, Tunisia, Japan, Cambodia, Chile, Thailand, Cyprus, Sweden, Moldova and Ukraine.

Switzerland announced its second stockpile destruction management training course (to be held in Martigny, Switzerland from 3 – 7 June 2002 in French).

Presentations were made by:

OAS Mine Action Coordinator, Mr William McDonough, who outlined the experience of the Managua challenge in the Americas.

GICHD, Coordinator for Africa, Lt. Col. Fabrice Delaître, who outlined the considerable information difficulties and urgency for countries in this region to focus on their deadlines.

Mr. Raja Reza of Malaysia, who recapped the results of the regional stockpile destruction seminar in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia August 2001.

Mrs. Susan Pond of NATO, gave a comprehensive overview on the PfP workshop held in Athens 2001 and detailed how the PfP Trust Fund on Stockpile Destruction works.

At the afternoon session delegations discussed the paper presented by the co-chairs illustrating progress by all States Parties in meeting their stockpile destruction deadlines.

Ideas concerning a possible role for the ISU as an information hub on assistance programs for stockpile destruction were also discussed. Responses were mixed, some delegations raised the possibilities of duplication of efforts as well as need to avoid overloading the ISU.

The Co-Chairs requested all donor countries and NGOs to keep them updated on assistance programs.

An update on the successful progress of the NAMSA (NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency) Program in Albania as well as information on projects proposed for the Ukraine and Moldova were given.

Lt. Col. McBride of Canada presented an update on new developments in meeting the challenge of PMF mines indigenous to countries of the former Soviet Union. The GICHD is going to proceed with a second phase study aimed at finding a reliable way of disposing of such mines.

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