Overview of Antipersonnel Mine Stockpile Destruction

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The Big Picture

- 69 States Parties have completed destroying their stocks.
- 57 more States Parties have officially declared not having stocks.
- 13 States Parties are in the process of destroying their stocks.
- 5 States need to officially declare their stockpile status
Progress So Far

- Over 38.3 million antipersonnel mines destroyed so far by SP.
- At least another 10 million mines to go.
- Destruction most recently completed by Bangladesh, Colombia, Mauritania, Tanzania, Uruguay, and Zambia.

Upcoming Destruction Deadlines

- Cape Verde: 1 November 2005
- Guinea-Bissau: 1 Nov 2005
- Algeria: 1 Apr 2006
- DR Congo: 1 Nov 2006
- Angola: 1 Jan 2007
- Afghanistan: 1 Mar 2007
- Cameroon 1 Mar 2007
- Cyprus: 1 Jul 2007
- Sao Tome e Principe: 1 Sept 2007
- Guyana: 1 Feb 2008
- Belarus: 1 Mar 2008
- Greece: 1 Mar 2008
- Serbia & Montenegro: 1 Mar 2008
- Turkey: 1 Mar 2008
- Burundi: 1 Apr 2008
- Sudan: 1 Apr 2008
- Ethiopia: 1 June 2009

“as soon as possible, but no later than”
Lingering Concerns

- **Equatorial Guinea**
  - Late transparency report
  - Past destruction deadline (1 Mar 2003)

- **Cape Verde, Guyana, & Sao Tome**
  - Late transparency reports
  - Destruction deadlines upcoming

- **Cameroon**
  - Voluntarily declared 500 mines for training and research purposes in March 2001.
  - *Landmine Monitor* has received a report of the Cameroon military, dated 5 May 2003, which states that a total of 9,183 antipersonnel mines had been destroyed on 17 April 2003.
  - Initial Article 7 report not submitted; due on 27 August 2003
  - 1 March 2007 deadline

Continuing Issues

- **Stockpiles Discovered after Completion of Destruction Program**
  - As occurred in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, and Croatia
  - Full transparency required
  - Destruction “as soon as possible”

- **Destruction of PFM and ADAM Mines**
  - Belarus, Greece, and Turkey

- **Continued reporting of mines retained for research and training purposes as stockpiles**
  - Proper use of Form D and Form B of Article 7 Reports
Emerging Concern: Multipurpose Firing Devices

- Trip wires and pressure release devices
- e.g. US M142, Soviet MUV-1, Yugoslav EMU-1
- Continue to exist within ammunition supply systems of SP
- Used for booby-trap applications
- Designed to be interchangeable with many types of mines and munitions
- Concern about legality under Convention
- Some SP have destroyed unspecified types of fuzes along with AP mine stocks
- More transparency and technical understanding needed

Challenges and Goals

- Destruction by 6MSP?
  - Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Cyprus, Guinea-Bissau, and Guyana
  - Ethiopia?
- Assistance Needed in Locating and Inventory of Stocks?
  - DR Congo, Sudan
- Full Transparency at Destruction Events
  - Civil society and media presence at events builds confidence and promotes achievements