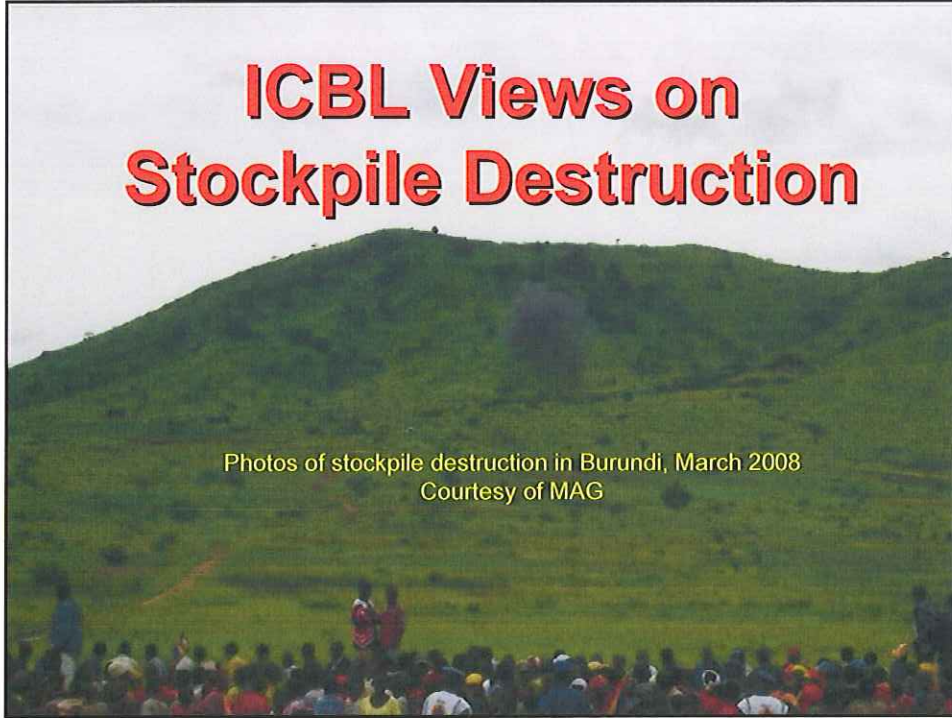


# ICBL Views on Stockpile Destruction

Photos of stockpile destruction in Burundi, March 2008  
Courtesy of MAG



## Overview of Status

- 83 States Parties have completed the destruction of their stockpiles.
  - Burundi and Sudan completed in March 2008.
  - Nearly 42 million mines have been destroyed to date.
  - About 14 million remain to be destroyed.
- 6 States Parties are in the process of destroying their stockpiles.
  - Indonesia and Ethiopia are new to this group.
  - Belarus, Greece, Turkey, and Ukraine



## Key Developments

- **Ethiopia** submitted its initial transparency report on 7 May 2008; it was due on 28 November 2005. The submission does not include a Form B, so it is not possible to ascertain whether any more antipersonnel mines remain to be destroyed.
  - Form G reports on the destruction of 39,759 items described as stockpiled antipersonnel mines between 2004 and 2007. Of the declared items, only 5,869 appear to be antipersonnel mines.
  - Ethiopia's stockpile destruction deadline is 1 June 2009.
- **Bhutan, Cook Islands, Iraq, and Sao Tome & Principe** officially declared no stockpiles, except those retained for research and training purposes



## Uncertainties



- **Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, and Haiti** are late to declare the presence or absence of stockpiles.
  - None are thought to possess stockpiles.
- **Kuwait and Palau** have yet to declare the presence or absence of stockpiles
  - Neither are thought to possess stockpiles
- **Status of Iraq's report?**
  - Indicates no stockpiles

## Compliance

- Article 4 of the treaty obligates all States Parties to destroy their antipersonnel mine stockpiles, and all antipersonnel mines under their jurisdiction or control, as soon as possible but no later than four years after entry-into-force of the treaty for each country.
- **There is no provision for extension of this deadline.**
- Belarus, Greece, Turkey are in the process of destroying their stockpiles and have passed their March 2008 stockpile destruction deadline.
- Afghanistan completed stockpile destruction in November 2007 after its March 2007 deadline passed.
- Cape Verde's stockpile was destroyed in June 2006, its deadline for completion was 1 November 2005.

