

**Intervention on Article 2**  
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- Canada continues to hold the view that anti-handling devices, other than those which activate when an attempt is made to tamper with or otherwise intentionally disturb an anti-vehicle mine, and anti-vehicle mines with fusing devices which cause mines to function as anti-personnel mines, fall under Article 2 of the Ottawa Convention and are thus prohibited by the Convention.
- In this sense, Canada agrees that the text of the Convention makes sense – conceivably there are both anti-handling devices that would function in such a way as to make them prohibited under the Convention and those that are permitted.
- Therefore, while all anti-handling devices might be considered “dangerous,” Canada does not accept the argument that all anti-handling devices could be activated by unintentional disturbance.
- Canada is currently undertaking work to better explain what we consider to be anti-handling devices that would conceivably be banned by the Convention and those that we would consider not banned by the Convention.
- Canada is currently examining the development of Canadian views concerning anti-handling devices as a result of both humanitarian considerations and rapidly changing technology and doctrine.
- Part of this examination includes determining whether there are thresholds that could be articulated to help determine which anti-handling devices would be considered of the type that could be activated by an act that would not be considered tampering or intentionally disturbing.