



Organization of American States Mine Action



Status Report on Stockpile Destruction in the Americas and the Managua Challenge

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Dimensions of the Problem



Larger Stockpiles

Peru**

334,756

Ecuador**

170,344

Nicaragua**

126,813

(71,813 pending)



Medium Stockpiles

Argentina**

89,170

Brazil**

35,018

Chile*

22,000

Colombia*

15,458



Smaller Stockpiles

Honduras**

9,439

(1,690 training)

Uruguay*

2,338

Total

765,336

* Landmine Monitor Report 2000

** Article 7



General Framework of OAS Assistance to Member States

- Development and Execution of National Stockpile Destruction Plans
- Identification of Financial Resources
- Hemispheric Confidence and Security-Building Measures
- Facilitation of Mechanisms for International Monitoring and Certification
- Other Functions According to OAS Capabilities and Mandates



The Managua Challenge

Challenges issued to the Signatory States of the Americas in preparation for the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Ottawa Convention to take place in Managua, Nicaragua in September 2001:

1. To all remaining signatories, to join the 27 states of the Americas that have completed the ratification process, and to do so in time for Managua.
2. To have all of their Article 7 reports completed in time for Managua.
3. To arrive in Managua with their stockpiles completely destroyed.



The Managua Challenge Ratification Pending

- Chile
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Uruguay



The Managua Challenge Article 7 Report Pending

- Chile
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Uruguay



The Managua Challenge Stockpile Destruction

- Colombia - Projected completion - Sep 01
- Ecuador - Signing of framework agreement for support and joint OAS/Canada stockpile destruction assistance visit - Mar 01
- Projected completion - Sep 01
- Honduras - Completion - Nov 00
- Nicaragua - Destruction of 55,000 stockpiled AP mines - Apr 99 - Mar 01
- Projected completion - To be determined
- Peru - Coordination of framework agreement for support of mine action program - Ongoing
- Projected completion - Aug 01



Related Activities

- Buenos Aires Regional Seminar “Stockpile Destruction in the Americas” - 6-7 Nov 00
- Bogota Seminar “The Ottawa Convention and Antipersonnel Mines in Colombia” - 27-28 Feb 01
- Support for annual meeting of International Campaign to Ban Landmines - Washington, 5-9 Mar 01



Conclusions

- The Managua Challenge has generated interest on the part of OAS Member States in accelerating the stockpile destruction process.
- The OAS, as the Focal Point in the Americas, is working to:
 1. Assist Member States in development and execution of National Stockpile Destruction Plans.
 2. Identify the technical resources and funding necessary for destruction.
 3. Facilitate international certification.
 4. Assist with any other requirements within the capabilities and mandates of the OAS.