BAMAKO SEMINAR
OUTCOME OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION WORKSHOP HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2001

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PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR

To facilitate the universalization, ratification and full implementation of the Ottawa Convention in Africa
CONFIRMED COMPLETED DESTRUCTION

- Mali: 5,127
- South Africa: 313,779
- Zimbabwe: 4,092
Total: 322,952

UNCONFIRMED DESTRUCTION

- Namibia
- Guinea Bissau
- Liberia
- Tunisia
- Uganda
MINES RETAINED FOR TRAINING & RESEARCH

- Mali  2000
- South Africa  4830
- Tunisia  5000
- Zimbabwe  700
- Botswana  ?
- Mauritius  ?
- Namibia  ?
- Togo  ?

COUNTRIES NOT RETAINING ANY MINES

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Ghana
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Malawi
- Senegal
- Swaziland
WORKSHOP DELIBERATIONS

• Concern was raised about the lack of adequate information on stockpiles in most countries
• Establishment of a database on stockpiles in Africa was therefore proposed.
• Lack of financial resources was cited as the reason for the delay in the implementation of destruction programs by some countries.
• The setting up of a fund to assist deserving cases was suggested.
• Canada pledged to contribute towards the proposed fund.

WORKSHOP DELIBERATIONS

• UNDP offered to administer the fund.
• UNDP offered expert advice through its office working on Stockpile Destruction.
• GICHD and Canada also offered expert advice to countries planning to destroy their stocks
• Switzerland invited interested countries to send managers to a stockpile destruction training course scheduled for June 2001.
• France offered to use her troops in the region if requested.
**WORKSHOP RESOLUTIONS**

- UNDP would examine the possibility to source funds and manage a voluntary contribution fund for stockpile destruction to genuine cases.
- Canada’s pledge to contribute to the fund would be followed up.
- Interested countries would follow up France’s offer use her troops in the region.
- To promote and encourage a sub regional approach to coordinate mine action programs including the creation of mine action centers.
- Development of an exhaustive stockpile database by GICHD assisted by sub regional organizations.

**WAS THE WORKSHOP A SUCCESS?**

- Only time and results of destruction will tell.
- Attendance and interest generated or shown during discussions was however very encouraging.
- More regional and sub regional gatherings should be encouraged and organized to maintain the momentum of compliance.