

**BAMAKO SEMINAR
OUTCOME OF STOCKPILE
DESTRUCTION WORKSHOP
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PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR

**To facilitate the universalization, ratification and
full implementation of the Ottawa Convention in
Africa**

CONFIRMED COMPLETED DESTRUCTIONS

• Mali	5 127
• South Africa	313 779
• Zimbabwe	4092
Total	322 952

UNCONFIRMED DESTRUCTIONS

- 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**
- **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.**

