Yemen’s Position on the Ottawa Convention

Standing Committee On
General Statues and Operation of the Convention
Mine Clearance
8-12 Geneva

Yemen’s Progress on Article 3

The quantity and type of AP mines retained? The purpose for which they are retained?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AP Mines</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PMN</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>General Training (including mine detection dog)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PMD6</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>Do</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BZM-284</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>Do</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PPMISR</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>Do</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: No future plans for retaining of additional mines.
Yemen’s Position on Article 1

- **Article 1**, Yemen support the view as Mine Ban Treaty prohibits of anti-personnel mines across, or the foreign stockpiling of anti-personnel mines on, territory under jurisdiction or control of a State Party.

- Regarding what is permissible during joint military operations,

  - one cannot participate in any activity related to the use of antipersonnel mines and should reject any rules of engagement permitting use of antipersonnel mines and refuse orders to use them, and reject participation in any joint operation of their military forces derived any military benefit from use of antipersonnel mines, and should not provide security or transportation for AP mines.

Yemen’s Position on Article 2

- **Article 2**, Yemen support the view of ICBL as any mine even if it is called an antivehicle mine equipped with a sensitive fuse or sensitive antihandling device that causes the mine to explode from an unintentional act of a person in considered to be an antipersonnel mine and therefore prohibited.

- Yemen do not have any at present nor in the past any antivehicle mines with sensitive fuses.

- Yemen also support that Claymore-type directional fragmentation antipersonnel mines are prohibited by treaty of used with tripwire, but permissible if used in command detonated mode.

- Yemen do not have any Claymore-type mines at present nor in the past.
Yemen’s Position on Article 3

Article 3, Yemen’s view on the number of mines retained for research and training:
It should vary from country to country depending on the level of landmine contamination and R&D.
We suggest that it should be between 1000 to 10,000 mines but should not be greater than 10,000 mines under no circumstances.

Yemen’s Position on Ottawa Convention
Thank You

Mansour Al Ezzi
Director of Yemen Executive Mine Action Center
Program Manager UNDP
Yemen National Mine Action Programme
Tel: +967 1 532 128 Mobile 967 733538242
Fax: +967 1 532 130
Email: Mansazi@y.net.ye