

Meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the  
Convention  
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Statement by Norway

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Article 3 – retention

Thank you.

Norway's position has for years been that no live mines are needed for training purposes, and we do not retain any anti-personell mines for such purposes.

We, as others, are concerned about tens of thousands of mines retained for training purposes, which apparently are not used as the numbers do not change from year to year, or with very small changes. We urge all States Parties to report in their transparency reports the exact purposes and use of retained mines and to reconsider their need to retain mines for training purposes. States Parties that have chosen to retain mines for training but choose to not report on their past or planned use are undermining the prohibition against stockpiling anti-personell mines and therefore the Convention as a whole.

Thank you.