Activities in the NW parts of the Republic of Macedonia for the implementation of the Ottawa Convention

First Phase: October 2001 - May 2004


- Financial support from the budget of the Republic of Macedonia and donor countries: USA, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Slovenia; and international funds.
Activities realized in the NW parts of the Republic of Macedonia for the implementation of the Ottawa Convention:

The last phase was realized in the period from 17th July, till 15th of September 2006

- Region around the village of Vejce
- Region around the village of Grachani
- Region around the village of Tanusevci

### Activities from the last phase

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The last phase of search and de-mining in the region was realized by a Macedonian de-mining team.

Financial support for the last stage in the amount of 41,000 USD were provided by the USA and with involvement of ITF-Slovenia.

October 2001 - September 2006:

- cleaned 6,681,358 m² area
- 558 anti-personnel mines were discovered and destroyed
- 951 other explosives remnants of war were destroyed
The Republic Of Macedonia officially declared the fulfillment of the Articles 4 and 5 obligations of the Ottawa Convention on its territory as of 15th Sept. 2006

Achievements: (1)

- Fulfillment of its obligations related to the Ottawa Convention
- Confidence building amongst the countries in the Region in the field of disarmament
- Contribution towards the regional initiative: SEE- region free of AP mines by 2009
Achievements: (2)

- Improvement of the safety in border zones
- Strengthening of the regional stability
- Normalization of the life of the population in the mine affected regions and upgrading preconditions for further economic growth in these areas

Other undertakings:

AP Mines retained under Article 3

I. On July 10 2006, 4000 mines were destroyed at the Krivolak army field:

- 1400 mines PMA-1
- 600 mines PMA-2
- 2000 mines PMR-2A
Additional Results:

II. Discovered and destroyed UXO:
- 680 artillery shells (75-155mm);
- 125 hand-grenades;
- 6 air bombs (explosive charge 100-150kg.)
- 32 mortar grenades

Total: 743 UXO

Future activities:

1. Implementation of the Plan for underwater mine cleaning of the Lake of Ohrid in the period April - August 2007, budget estimation: around 50,000 EUR
Future activities:

II. Research and destruction of UXO from the Balkan wars, WWI and WWII in the regions of:

- Bitola
- Prilep/ Mariovo
- Dojran/ Gevgelija
- Ohrid/ Debar