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1. Within the ambit of the treaty, South Africa retained an initial stock of 5000 anti-personnel landmines for training and development of mine countermeasures such as the qualification of combat minefield breaching equipment and area clearing equipment. Given that development and qualification of equipment is largely complete, and, pursuant to a request from the SA Department of International Relations and Cooperation to consider reducing this number, stocks were significantly reduced by destruction from 3791 mines to 500 mines plus police stocks as indicated below.

2. The SA Police Service holds small stocks of various types of anti-personnel mines it encounters in the region for training, intelligence, forensic and evidence processing.

3. **Form A. (National Implementation Measures)**. The Anti-Personnel Mines Prohibition Act (Act No 36 of 2003) is in place in terms of the requirement under Article 9 requiring States Parties to develop national legislation. As South Africa does not have a landmine problem at this time, there is nothing further to report on national implementation measures. A Department of Defence Directive and Department of Defence Instruction is applicable to members of the Department of Defence.

4. **Form D. (Anti-Personnel Mines Retained for Development and Training)**.

a. **Holdings of the Department of Defence**. These mines continue to be held on behalf of the DOD by the Defence, Peace, Safety and Security division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at its Paardefontein site. This was formally mandated by Ministerial authorisation in a letter issued by the Minister of Defence to the Department of Science and Technology on 07 March 2006 and issued in terms of the aforementioned Act.

i. These stocks are periodically audited by auditors appointed by the CSIR.

ii. The stock return for *Mine Anti-Personnel HE M2A4 Part No RAIN 51103-05* for the calendar year 2013 is reported as follows:

(1)	Original opening stock <i>circa</i> 1997	5000
(2)	Quantity used prior to 2013	4291
(3)	Quantity destroyed by the DOD in 2013	3791
(4)	Closing balance at 31 December 2013	500

- b. **Holdings of the South African Police Service.** The South African Police Service, in its letter 45/1/2/1(289) of 05 December 2013, reports no change to the following mine types and quantities in their possession for training and research into mine-countermeasures in terms of Article 3 of the Convention (amounting to 76 in total):

i.	PRB M409	1
ii.	PRB M411	1
iii.	R2M1 (One recovery made)	7
iv.	PMA2	6
v.	TYPE72	3
vi.	VALSELLA TS-50	6
vii.	VALSELLA VS-50	1
viii.	OZM-72	4
ix.	PROM-1	4
x.	OZM-4 (Two recoveries made)	6
xi.	J-69	1
xii.	PMN (One recovery made)	2
xiii.	TYPE69	9
xiv.	PP-Mi-SR	8
xv.	PPM-2	5
xvi.	M12-A1	1
xvii.	MON50	1
xviii.	SCHRAPNEL NO2 (Seven recoveries made)	7
xix.	RSA INKPOT	1
xx.	GYATA 64	1
xxi.	RSA MS803	<u>1</u>

Total stockholding of the SA Police Service as at 31 December 2013: 76

5. In summary, the total AP Mine Stocks held by South Africa are 576 mines of various types.