

Jordan's Article 5 Statement
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Mr. President,

In the declaration of completion on the 24th April 2012, Jordan recalled that the States Parties have always been realistic in accepting that a residual risk remains in areas where anti-personnel mines have been emplaced. Therefore, in declaring completion, Jordan committed that in the event that previously unknown anti-personnel mines or mined areas are discovered after completion is declared, to: (a) report such mined areas in accordance with its obligations under Article 7 and share such information through any other informal means; (b) ensure the effective exclusion of civilians in accordance with Article 5; and, (c) destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in these areas as a matter of urgent priority, making its need for assistance known to other States Parties, as appropriate.

Jordan made every effort to identify and clear all mined areas by 24 April 2012. Consequently Jordan, as a responsible State Party, proceeded with verification efforts in one part of the country, with this verification effort resulting in the discovery of additional mines.

As for the Jordan Valley, demining was declared complete in 2008. However, the clearance work by the Royal Engineers (REC) was not compliant with national standards and was not subject to quality management. In response, the NCDR began a verification project in 2009.

And as a result...from the period of Nov. 2016 till the end of Nov. 2017, 72 AP mines and 34 fuses were found and destroyed. In addition, 1 AT mine and 35 fuses and 7 UXOs were found and destroyed and 1,510,000square metres were verified.

As noted, demining along Jordan's northern border by NPA was declared complete in April 2012 with respect to all mined areas that Jordan had made every effort to identify. After clearance, there were discrepancies between the reported emplaced mines and the mines that had been found. The

probable causes included migration of mines outside of identified mined areas because of flooding and terrain fluctuations, and self-detonations.

Verification was to be completed by the end of June 2013, however, the security situation along the border caused a delay and by February 2013 it was completely halted with 17% left to be verified.

When resuming the operations and in the event that additional previously unknown anti-personnel mines or mined areas are discovered as a result of verification along its northern border, Jordan will respond in the manner agreed to by the states parties.