

Belarus Statement
under item (e)

The Republic of Belarus would like to announce that it has fully fulfilled its obligations under the Ottawa Convention and destroyed all stocks of anti-personnel mines prohibited by the Convention.

Since 2004, when the Convention entered into force for Belarus about 300,000 mines with TNT filling and more than 3 million PFM-1 mines were destroyed.

We consider this as an important contribution to ensuring regional and international security, as well as achieving the goals of sustainable development.

The completion of the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines is also a model of responsible governance.

The destruction of mines with TNT filling was carried out by the Belarusian side in cooperation with the NATO Technical Assistance and Supply Agency.

In the process of eliminating antipersonnel mines of the "PFM-1" type, our country faced technical difficulties due to the design and composition of these type of mines.

Solving the problems that have arisen would be complicated without the technical assistance of our partners.

In this regard, we would like to thank the European Union and to commend EXPAL for their contribution to the implementation of the PFM-1 mine destruction project.

Today Belarus has a unique experience of carrying out such a complex project as the destruction of anti-personnel mines with liquid explosives. We are ready to share this experience and knowledge.

Thank you for attention



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of Belarus

Destruction of Anti-Personnel Ammunition in Belarus

Sixteen Meeting of the States Parties
Mine Ban Treaty

Vienna, December 18-21, 2017

Anti-personnel ammunition for destruction under the Ottawa Treaty

Type	Quantity
PMN	45 425
PMN-2	114 384
POM-2	57324
POMZ-2	12799
POMZ-2M	64 843
PFM-1 (KSF)	2483096
PFM-1S (BKF)	413556
PFM-1S (9M27KZ)	461136

Destroyed Mines Series

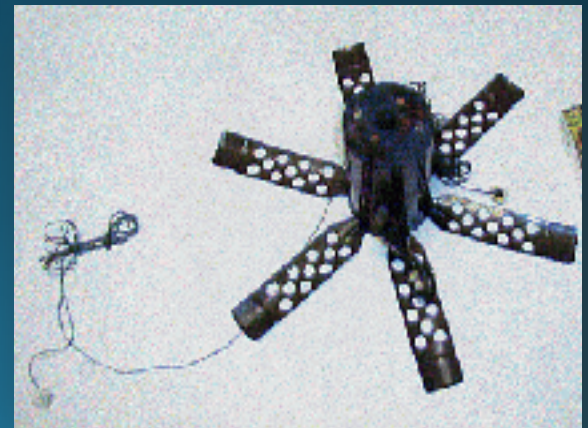
PMN-2



PMN



POM-2



Utilized by removal of fuses and molding of cases

POMZ-2, POMZ-2M



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The Republic of Belarus



**PMN, PMN-2,
POMZ-2, POMZ-2M, POM-2**

Destruction by detonation

PMN – 45 425 pieces

PMN-2 – 114 384 pieces

POM-2 – 57 324 pieces



Destruction of the cases of

POMZ-2 -12 799 pieces

POMZ-2M – 64 843 pieces by molding



Retained for training

PMN	1 496 pieces
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PMN-2	1 484 pieces
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POMZ-2M	1 519 pieces
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POMZ-2	1 490 pieces
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Total	5 989 pieces
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Project on PFM-I destruction

PFM-I (I)

KSF-I (Is)



PFM-I (2)

BKF-1



PFM-I (3)

*Missile 9M27K3
(MLRS "Uragan")*



PFM-I



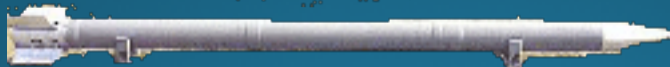
BKF - PFM-1S



KSF - 1S (1)



9M27KZ



Project: “Destruction of PFM-I series ammunition in Belarus”

Project is funded by the European Union and
implemented by EXPAL SYSTEMS

Project partner - Ministry of Defense of Belarus

PROJECT SYNOPSIS

The main task of EXPAL SA was the irreversible destruction of the PFM-I series ammunition (about 3,366,500 mines in total). The destruction was carried out on the premises of the 2271 Engineer Ammunition Base in Rechitsa.

The overall procedure aimed at the destruction of PFM-I series ammunition can be summarised as follows:

- Transfer of the PFM-I series ammunition from the munitions depots to the destruction facility by the Government of Belarus (GoB)
- Transfer of safety and security responsibility for the PFM-I series ammunition to EXPAL SA
- Pre-processing and destruction of the PFM-I series ammunition
- Treatment of liquid and gaseous effluents, and all solid waste resulting from the destruction to levels of concentration acceptable for release (confirmed in the special permits and operating license granted by the GoB) into the environment
- Transfer of solid waste outside the destruction facility for management and final disposal by the GoB.”...

Destruction plant



Detonation chamber



Preparation of PFM-I for destruction



Off Gas Treatment resulting from the destruction of PFM-I



Solid waste resulting from the destruction of PFM-I



Project data

Project cost 3,9 million Euro

Project timeframe

December, 2010 - the European Commission signed the contract with EXPAL

April, 2017 - Last PFM 1 mines destroyed

Closing ceremony April, 5, 2017



Project results

The implementation of the project activities allowed:

- Completely destroyed PFM-1 type mines in Belarus;
- Fully implement the international obligations under the Ottawa convention;
- Optimize ammunition storage sites;
- Reduce costs associated with the storage of PFM-1 mines

Thank you

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