



**INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS**  
**TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING,**  
**PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR**  
**DESTRUCTION**

Geneva, 19 - 21 June 2023

**7. Matters related to the mandate of the President**

**b. Stockpile destruction and retention of anti-personnel mines**

Mr. President,

Within the context of the Convention, a remarkable success has been achieved concerning the reduction of stockpiles of antipersonnel landmines. State Parties to the Ottawa Convention have destroyed more than 55 million stockpiled antipersonnel mines that can no longer kill, maim or injure people in and after future conflicts. We are convinced that destroying stockpiled antipersonnel landmines makes this world a safer place. This is why **we commend State Parties efforts to rapidly destroy all remaining stockpiles** of antipersonnel landmines. We are confident that the community of State Parties to this Convention would welcome and support any step in this direction.

In accordance with Art. 3 of this Convention, Germany retains a limited number of anti-personnel mines for training and research purposes. **Over the past four years, Germany has successfully reduced the number of APMs by one third.**

While a significant reduction has been achieved and Germany currently possesses 271 APMs for purposes permitted by the Convention, Germany is developing alternative methods, wherever possible, to conduct research and testing of mine clearance procedures. Germany's stated goal is to further reduce – where feasible - its stockpile of APMs retained for training and research purposes.

Thank you, Mr. President.