



Stockpile Destruction

One Pillar of Antipersonnel Mine Action

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Destruction of Stockpiled Mines

Article 4

Destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Except as provided for in Article 3, each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines it owns or possesses, or that are under its jurisdiction or control, as soon as possible but not later than four years after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party.





Where were we Before the Convention*

- 10 Producers
- 1,227,001 stockpiled mines**

•Source Report of Article 7, LMM 1999, Presentation OAS, January 2002

•* Excludes United States and Cuba





Where are we

- 2 Producers (do not export)
- 207,255 Stockpiles (Effective to 08/2003)*
- 20,312 Stockpiles (Effective 12/2003)*
- 41,516 Retained (0 to 16,545)*

(* Pending Reports of Surinam and Guyana. USA and Cuba not included)





Where are we going

- 2 Producers (do not export)
- 0 Stockpiles*
- 41,516 Retained*

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Article 3

Exceptions

- 1. Notwithstanding the general obligations under Article 1, the retention or transfer of a number of anti-personnel mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques is permitted. The amount of such mines shall not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for the above-mentioned purposes.**
- 2. The transfer of anti-personnel mines for the purpose of destruction is permitted.**





Figures of Mines Retained

- Argentina 2,160
- Brasil 16,545
- Canada 1,935
- Chile 6,245
- Colombia 986
- Ecuador 4,000
- El Salvador 96
- Honduras 826
- Nicaragua 1,971
- Peru 4,024
- Uruguay 500
- Venezuela 2,214

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How much do we need to retain

“hundreds or thousands, not hundreds of thousands”

- **At least one method of confidence building?**
- **What do we do with retained mines ?**
- **How many do we use in one year?**
- **We should refill or finish with the ones we have until we reach zero?**
- **We should report what we are doing with them in our article 7 reports?**





Article 6

International cooperation and assistance

- 1. In fulfilling its obligations under this Convention each State Party has the right to seek and receive assistance, where feasible, from other States Parties to the extent possible.**
- 2. Each State Party in the position to do so, has the obligation of providing assistance.**





What can our region do

- **Can we declare the Americas free of stockpiled mines in time for the 2004 Revision Conference?**
- **Is it true that stockpile destruction is better carried out by the military?**
- **Is there a role for assistance and cooperation from the Américas outside of our region?**
- **Is it possible for States to present technical assistance and experts to other States outside the region?**
- **Is it possible for the OAS to be in charge of creating a relationship of technical experts and donors of the region who will be ready to cooperate with States from other regions?**





What can our region do

- **Which are the mechanisms to be able to establish said relationship with experts?**
- **What are the requirements and qualifications for these experts?**
- **How can we transfer the lessons learned in the Américas to a database, in a way that anyone can access it?**
- **Where can we establish the database?**





What can the Américas report at the Review Conference?

