Stockpile Destruction - How to get started

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Commitments under MBT

 Article 4......destroy, or ensure the destruction of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines it owns or possesses not later than four years after the entry into force

□ OK, but HOW?



Two Comments

- Stockpile Destruction is a large amount of administration and logistics followed by a small amount of destruction.
- Four years is not a long time.



Basic steps towards an SD programme - Step 1

- Find out what national AP stocks are.
- Check this information by visual inspection.
- Get a copy of IMAS 11.30 National Planning Guides for SD
- Decide where destruction can take place.
- Check site for environmental problems.
- Create a project.
- Ask for expert assistance.



Basic steps towards an SD programme - step 2

- Arrange for armed services or contractor to move and guard mines
- Arrange for armed services or contractor to unpack and sort mines for destruction
- Create national Standing Operational Procedures (SOPs) for destruction
- Prepare destruction plan
- Prepare accountancy measures
- Warn area around destruction site



Basic steps towards an SD programme - step 3

- Get professional assistance to organise destruction procedures
- Unpack and stack mines for demolition or burning
- Carry out destruction of mines and packaging
- Witness destruction, using NGOs, media
- Get expert to check for complete destruction
- Complete accountancy, and report (Article 7)

Technical tips 1 - make sure the detonation wave goes downwards

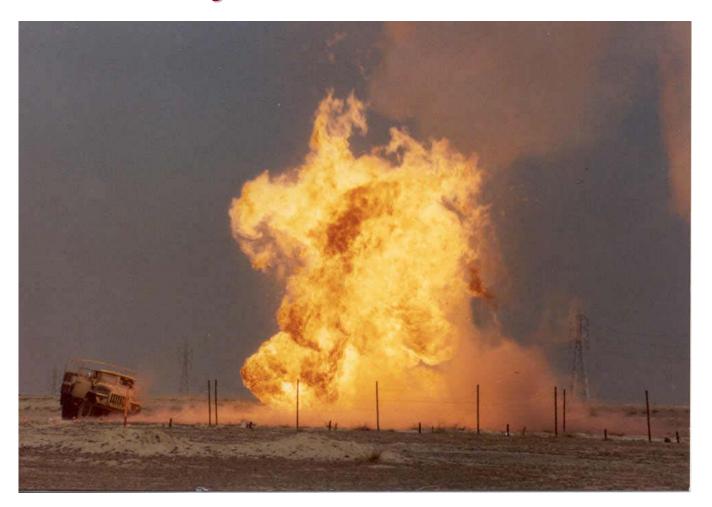




Technical tips 2 - try to contain the detonation



Technical tips 3 - do not play with that which you do not understand





Any Questions?





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