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**OTTAWA CONVENTION ON APMs**  
Intersessional Meeting of the Standing Committee on the  
Stockpiles Destruction

**PROJECT ON DESTRUCTION OF  
APM STOCKPILES IN SERBIA AND  
MONTENEGRO**

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At the outset, let me inform you that since 4 February 2003, in accordance with the new Constitutional Charter, the official name of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has been changed into "**Serbia and Montenegro**".

As it has been known to the participants of the Ottawa process, according to the Government of the former FRY decision of 20 April 2001, the legal procedure of accession to the Ottawa Convention had been launched. The process of ratification is still underway due to the ongoing process of internal constitutional restructuring of the country and the priorities set in accordance with that.

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Even though not yet a State Party to the Convention, my country, namely **Serbia and Montenegro**, has been firmly committed to the noble humanitarian aims of the Convention. Accordingly, Serbia and Montenegro already has undertaken the following:

- since 1992 it has not producing or trading the APMs;
- in it's stockpiles it stores only the APMs produced before 1990;
- as a proof of its true commitment to the Convention, the General-staff of the Army in August 2002 decided to have about 90.000 pcs of different APMs destroyed even before being legally obliged by the Convention norm;
- high standard of stockpiles' control measures are in place;
- condition of all APMs are good, though general safety of the explosives are bellow the international standards.

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**ELEMENTS OF THE DESTRUCTION PROJECT**

**The number of APMs in stockpiles totals  
1,320.621 pcs.**

No	Type	Quantity (pcs)
1	PMA-1	90.000
2	PMR-2A	930
3	PROM-1	540
<b>Total</b>		<b>91.470</b>

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**GENERAL REMARKS ON THE PROJECT**

- First project of APMs stockpile destruction in Serbia and Montenegro
- New challenges
- Estimated duration: **2 (two) months**
- Estimated cost: **380.000 USD**
- Project conducted within the MoD and the General-staff

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## Challenges

- Financial
- Logistical
- Technical
- Transparency

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## Financial challenges

- **Lack of necessary funds**
  
- **We could provide:**
  - transportation means,
  - technical capacity and equipments,
  - qualified manpower,
  - high quality standards.
  
- **Substantial international assistance needed for:**
  - organization for destruction (technical and human resources),
  - registration equipment (computer and photo hardware),
  - preparation of destruction site,
  - safety and security measures,
  - environment concerns ,
  - transportation, etc.



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**Logistical challenges**

- Storages manipulation
  - Truck loading
- Transportation from 23 different locations to the destruction site in Kragujevac
  - Unloading and re-packing
    - Manual handling
  - Preparation of destruction site
- Separation and registration by types of APMs
- De-assembling process (fuses – explosives)

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**Technical challenges**

- Existing resources
- Capacity building
- Equipment needs
- Organization and evaluation of destruction
  - Safety and environmental factors
- Recycling of plastic/metal parts, explosives

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**Transparency**

**Ensured total transparency  
and  
media covering  
through the multi-layers  
verification**

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**TEHNICKI REMONTNI ZAVOD**  
*(TECHNICAL REPAIR FACILITY)*  
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- **The Technical Repair Facility is an institution of a high standing, specialized for general repair and destruction of landmines and ammunition, with a history of more than 50 years**
- **Provides high quality, safety and security standards**
- **Could provide assistance to other countries**

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**Location**

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**Buildings**

**Technical  
capacity**

**Installations**

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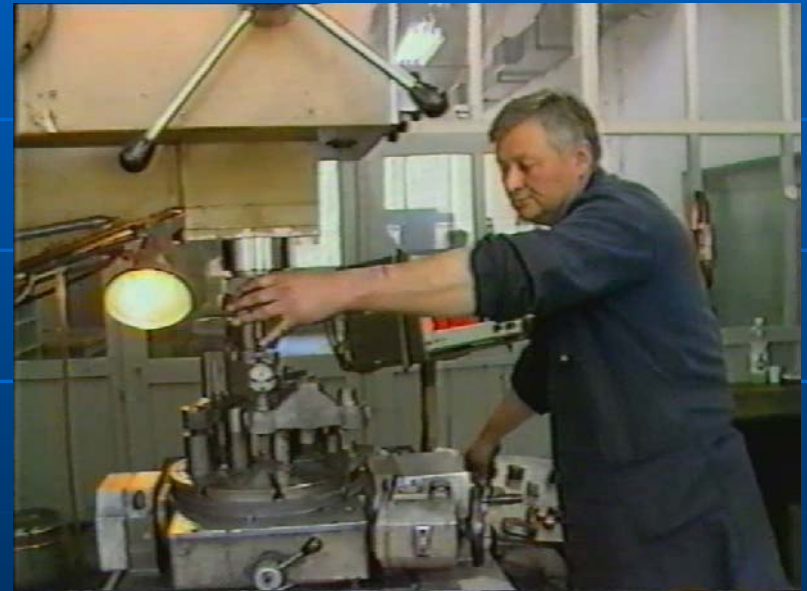
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**Available:**  
**Equipment**  
**Machines**  
**Manpower**



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**Plastic parts  
destruction**



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**Destruction of fuses**



**Fire safety and  
sanitary measures**

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## **Basic activities in TRZ Kragujevac**

- General repair of artillery ammunition
  - General repair of APMs
- General repair of antitank mines
  - De-assembling
- Equipment and ammunition packing
  - Fuses replacement, etc.

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**APM STORAGE**



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**Storage facilities**



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### Storage APM





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**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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