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United Kingdom intervention on Article 3

On ratification of the Convention, the UK found it difficult to estimate the minimum number of mines needed for the purposes permitted under Article 3. In the event, we decided to retain some 5,000 mines. Despite the fact that the UK is active in the areas of research specified in Article 3, we have found that our initial estimate of requirement is more than we need. We are therefore planning to reduce our holding significantly in the near future.