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**DESTRUCTION OF
ANTIPERSONNEL
MINES IN
STOCKPILE**

AIM

THE AIM OF THIS PRESENTATION, IS TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF IDEA OF, HOW THE HELLENIC ARMY WILL TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF DESTRUCTION OF ANTIPERSONNEL MINES IN STOCKPILE.

THIS PRESENTATION WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

1. SITUATION.
2. DESTRUCTION OF A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE.
3. TIME SCHEDULE.
4. FINANCIAL DATA.
5. CONCLUSION

SITUATION

1. THE AMOUNT OF A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE FOR DESTRUCTION IS :

1.566.028

2. THE AMOUNT OF A/P MINES RETAINED FOR TRAINING IS :

7.224

SITUATION

3. THE STATUS OF A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE, IS CONSIDERED TO BE "SAFE"

4. A STUDY FOR THE MODE OF DESTRUCTION FOR THE A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE, HAS ALREADY BEEN CONDUCTED.

DESTRUCTION OF A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE

- 1. THE A/P MINES ARE PACKED IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING MATERIAL AND STORED INSIDE APPROPRIATE MAGAZINES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARMY REGULATIONS.**
- 2. DUE TO THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE, THE DESTRUCTION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED, TAKING THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT INTO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.**

DESTRUCTION OF A/P MINES IN STOCKPILE

- 3. NATO STANAG 4518 STANDARDIZES THE METHODS BY WHICH THE DISPOSAL OF A/P MINES CAN BE CONDUCTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION.**

TIME SCHEDULE

AS STIPULATED BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE OTTAWA CONVENTION, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT GREECE RATIFIED THE CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER 2003, THE STOCKPILED ANTIPERSONNEL MINES HAVE TO BE DESTROYED UNTIL THE YEAR 2008.

FINANCIAL DATA

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY, WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF ALL A/P MINES, IS ESTIMATED TO FIVE MILLION (5.000.000) EUROS.

CONCLUSION

- 1. THE DESTRUCTION OF A/P MINES CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A DESTRUCTION PLANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANAG 4518.**
- 2. THE SOLUTION FOR THE DISPOSAL, AS INCLUDED IN THE STUDY, IS A HELLENIC ARMY INTERNATIONAL TENDER.**