



Exploring Alternatives to Using Live Anti-Personnel Mines for Permitted Purposes

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Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction

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The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Determined to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines



Universalization



Stockpile Destruction



Victim Assistance



Mine Clearance



Coop. and Assist.



National Implementation



Transparency



Implementation Support



Stockpile Destruction and Retained Mines



Stockpile Destruction (A4)



Retained Mined (A3)



The Convention

Article 1.2 - General Obligations

Each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

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

Article 3 - Exceptions

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.



Article 7 – Transparency Measures

- The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained
- Institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3;
- Technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine.... currently owned or possessed by a State Party, including at a minimum the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance;



Road map for States Parties



A Shared Commitment
Cartagena / Colombia
30 November - 4 December /2009



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Convention Action Plans

- Report on the use of retained mines and the results of such use
- Provide information on the plans requiring the retention of mines
- Regularly review the number of anti-personnel mines retained to ensure that they constitute the minimum number absolutely necessary
- Destroy all those exceeding that number
- Explore available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines
- Explain any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines



Progress made 2019 - 2024

2019 – 70 States Parties retaining 162,796 anti-personnel mines

2024 - 62 States Parties retainining a total of 121,258



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Reporting Challenges

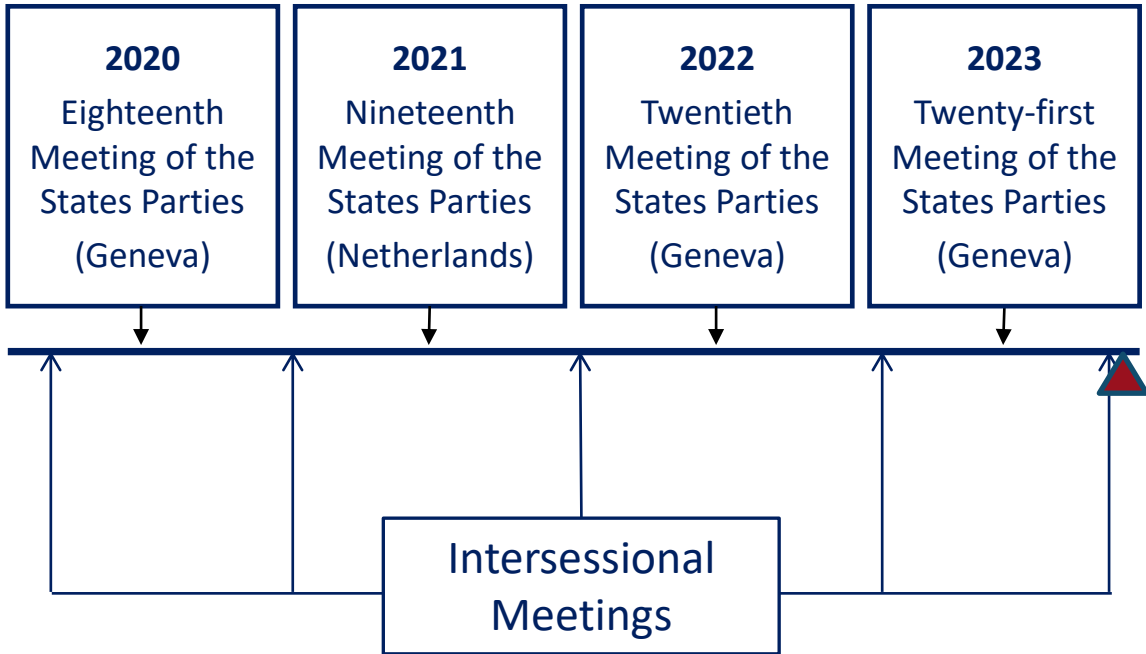
- Underreporting by States Parties with Article 3 obligations (46% of States Parties retaining mines)
- Gaps in reporting
- Same number of mines retained for several years
- Lack of reporting on the actual use or plans for use
- Low number of states reporting on exploring alternatives available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines
- Inaccuracies in reporting



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Thank you!

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