

Afghanistan inputs regarding previously unknown stockpiled antipersonnel mines:

Thank you for providing Afghanistan with a chance to provide some clarity with regard to identification and destruction of previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines. In 2014 Afghanistan has reported destruction of 1,318 different types of stockpiled antipersonnel mines. It is notable that Afghanistan has already destroyed all its stockpiled antipersonnel and cluster munitions within the given timeframe. What Afghanistan reported in 2014 and previous years in ad hoc basis are those previously unknown stockpiled antipersonnel mines that are collected from different locations and individuals, including former local commanders, during the Weapons and Ammunition Destruction (WAD) operations. WAD operations are coordinated by the Ministry of Defence and have been going on since long time back in the country. During WAD operations, some small number of stockpiled antipersonnel mines is identified in different parts of the country and some stockpiled antipersonnel mines are handed over by former local commanders involved in previous armed conflicts to the Afghanistan National Security Forces for destruction. We anticipate identification of small stockpiled antipersonnel mines during WAD operations in the years to come as well.

Thank you,