

**Article 3**  
**Eritrea Statement in the 21-25 May 21, 2012 Standing committee**  
**Meeting**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Regarding the implementation of article 3 of the convention, the reports that we submit annually to the secretary general for several successive years indicate that besides the inert ones, we had retained a certain number of Live Anti-personnel mines to be used as a sample for training purposes.

The intention of keeping these samples was to use them when it appears the need to train more teams at a time even though it may not be of crucial need at this moment.

We managed to retain these with out detonators and keeping it in a safe custody. Never the less reminder comments from the co-chairs and other sponsors of the convention sensitized us to review the retained number and constitute the very minimum number of training mines.

We courteously accepted this advice and reduced our live AP training mines by destroying the greater part of it. Now, we remain with the following minimum rate:

Type of Mine	Previously Retained	Destroyed	Currently Retained
<b>POMZ2-Live</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>PMD6-Live</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>PMN-Live</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>
POMZ2-Inert	57	-	57
PMD6-Inert	1	-	1
PMN-Inert	1	-	1
PPM2-Inert	1	-	1
M14-Inert	1	-	1
PRB-M35-Inert	4	-	4
M16-Inert	2	-	2
MON-100-Inert	3	-	3
MON-50-Inert	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>101</b>

Honorable Colleagues: I conclude my brief report by reaffirming that despite the limited resources that it posses, the Eritrean Governments remains

committed to the compliance of the convention for achieving our article 5 obligations.

I Thank you,