

Statement by the Portuguese delegation

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

Article 3 retained mines

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The 694 mines retained by the Portuguese Armed Forces are either inert (i.e. without any explosive charge) or fuseless and are used for military training and exercise only. When damaged, they are discharged, destroyed and their components recycled.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams receive training in mine detection, clearance and destruction techniques. Military personnel deployed in international missions received basic training in mine awareness. The number of personnel trained in EOD skills in 2011 was 12