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- Slovak republic preparation for destruction of antipersonnel mines began immediately after the signing of the Ottawa Convention.





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Following information were taken into consideration

- stockpile size (amount, kinds of APL)
- technical conditions of APL and stores
- APL transport to destruction size
- technology and main requirements for APL destruction



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#### APL STOCKPILE SIZE

- 187 060 APL of two kinds
- (Slovak denomination) PP-Mi-Sr - metal bounding fragmentation antipersonnel mine
- (Slovak denomination) PP-Mi-Na1 - plastic contact antipersonnel mine
- 1500 APL (1000 PP-Mi-Sr and 500 PP-Mi Na1) retained for development of minesweeping technologies



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### Technical conditions of APL and stores

- PP-Mi-Sr were 50 and PP-Mi-Na1 10 years old.  
Despite of this, APL and stores were in acceptable conditions. Handling with APL was safe and mines destruction was carried out without incidents or even injuries.



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### APL transport to destruction site

- costs for APL transport - approx. 2000 USD.  
APL were stored only in a few units which made APL transport to destruction site easier.



## SPECIFICATION OF THE PROBLEM OF ANTIPERSONAL MINES DESTRUCTION

### Technology and main requirements for APL destruction

The destruction was carried out with disassembly of mines (non-explosion technology) and followed these main requirements:

- **An environmental aspect.**

The destruction followed strict environmental rules to avoid any damage to the environment. The scrap and the explosive were further utilised in the industry for non-military purposes.

- **A security aspect.**

Developed technology provided 100% security for all personal handling with mines.

- **Transparency.**

Provision of all information to the public. Mass media participated on mines destruction.



## MAIN PARTICIPANTS OF ANTIPERSONNEL MINES DESTRUCTION:

- **The General Staff of the Army of the Slovak Republic**

- Provided safe transport of antipersonnel landmines from units stores to military enterprise.
- Carried out calculation of antipersonnel mines destruction and prepared a contract with the military enterprise.
- Allocated minimum number of mines for testing of demining equipment.

- **The Military Repair Enterprise VOP 015 NOVÁKY**

- Prepared technology for antipersonnel mines destruction.
- Produced destruction lines.
- Prepared facilities for the destruction (transport means, temporary mine stores, explosive mill), already existing facilities were utilised.
- Trained staff for the mine destruction.

- **The Slovak Verification Centre**

- Co-ordinated matters relating to the antipersonnel mines destruction (financial issues and collaboration between owners of antipersonnel mines).
- Ensured transparency of the process of antipersonnel mines destruction (together with Ministry of Foreign Affairs).



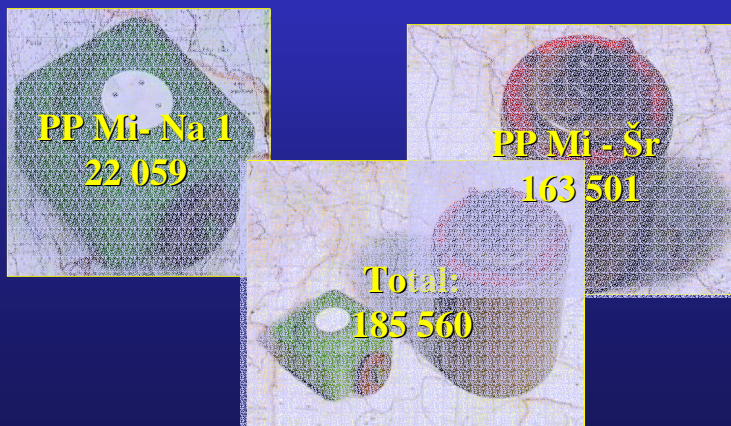
## SLOVAK ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES DESTRUCTION IN DATES:

- 1998 – technology preparation and production of destruction lines,
- January 1999 – July 1999 transport of antipersonnel mines to destruction site,
- August 1999 – begin of the antipersonnel mines destruction,
- August 2000 – end of the antipersonnel mines destruction.



## SLOVAK ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES DESTRUCTION IN NUMBERS:

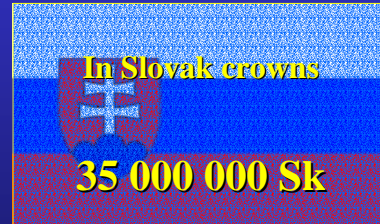
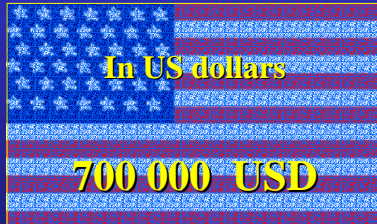
Types and amount of destroyed antipersonnel mines





## SLOVAK ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES DESTRUCTION IN NUMBERS:

### Mines destruction costs



Exchange rate:  
**1 USD = 50 Sk**





## CONSEQUENCE OF SLOVAK ANTIPERSONNEL MINES DESTRUCTION:

Slovakia fulfilled one of the most significant obligations of the Ottawa Convention and became the 23rd state party that completed destruction of their own antipersonnel mines stockpile.



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