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***Agenda Item XXx: Update on Jordan's Retention  
of Anti-Personnel Mines In Accordance with  
Article 3***

**COMMENTS BY**

***Jordan Delegation***

Co-Chairs,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Jordan's submitted its Article 7 transparency report on 23 April, 2008, in which it made use of Form D of the Article 7 reporting format to volunteer an update on its use of retained mines in 2007.

I would like to mention that prior to 2007, the type and quantity of Jordan's retained mines remained unchanged, as no mines were used for any purpose. However, as that situation has since changed, I would like to take the opportunity to provide you with a brief update on Jordan's use of its retained mines in 2007.

**[Question 1:** What are the reasons for changes in quantity of mines retained by your State since the 8MSP?]

Out of the 1000 mines originally retained by Jordan, a total of 50 mines were used (in 2007) for the purpose of mine detection training.

**[Question 2:** What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use:]

NPA-Jordan carried out mine detection training of 4 new Mine Detection Dog Teams in May 2007 and July 2007, using a total of 50 retained mines. Training took place in the south of Jordan for the Wadi Araba/Aqaba Mine Clearance Project, as well as in the north of Jordan for the Northern Border Project. NPA-Jordan executes the demining of both these projects.

The MDD teams are trained by first creating a sample mine field using a small number of retained mines of the same type the MDD teams will be expected to encounter. The mines are placed in the ground 2 months prior to the training. The training is then carried out by the MDD teams in order for the dogs to learn to recognize the scent of those particular mines.

Presently, the number of mines retained by Jordan is 950. Jordan may continue to use mines retained under Article 3 in the future, for the purpose of training in mine detection, mine clearance or destruction techniques and further training.