

Article 2 AP Mine Definition

"...a mine designed to be exploded by the presence, proximity or contact of a **person**"

? sensitive fuzes on mines intended for vehicles

Mine Ban Treaty Background

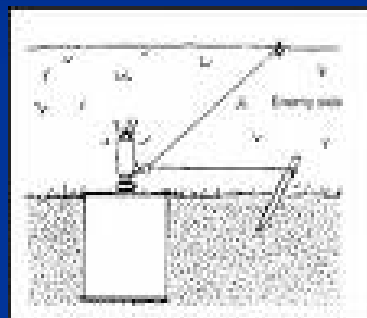
- High risk of detonation by a **person**
- Functional approach in 1997 negotiations
- Divergence of views and practices after entry-into-force of the Convention
- Intersessional & MSP discussions 2000-2004
- ICRC Expert Meeting 2002
- Promotion of "best practice" in CCW framework 2004-2006

Common analysis among States on sensitive fuzes

- Consultations led by Germany among 15-20 main interested States
- Common analysis prepared and became part of the draft text of a draft CCW instrument on anti-vehicle mines – never adopted
- Common analysis not a contested part of text
- Contained in CCW/GGE/XV/WG.2/1/Rev.1 (excerpt distributed to all delegations)

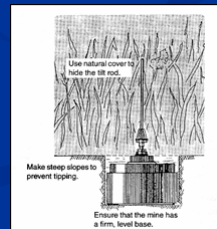
Conclusions: Break Wires and Trip Wires

- "Not a recommended method of activation"
- Does not seem possible to design them in such a way that an individual [person] cannot...initiate the mine"



Conclusions: Tilt Rods

- "Not a recommended method of activation if they cannot be designed in such a way that an individual [person] cannot...initiate the mine"



Conclusions: Mines with Acoustic, Infrared, Seismic/Vibration Fuzes

- "Can be designed not to be excessively sensitive, but..."
- best are best used in conjunction with other sensors"

Conclusions: low pressure fuzes e.g. detonation by 50-80 kg pressure

- "Should...be subject to a minimum pressure force appropriate for the intended target [vehicle, **not person**]."
- "Pressure should be exerted over a significant area...rather than a single point"

Article 2 Compliance: ICRC Views

- Fuzes on any mine which cannot be designed to avoid detonation by a person **are** prohibited AP Mines
- Confirms views of most SPs which have spoken
- States Parties should:
 - **Review** stocks of AV mines in light of recommendations in CCW/GGE/XV/WG.2/1/Rev.1
 - **Eliminate** any remaining that are likely to be detonated by a person
 - **Seek** common understanding and practice among States Parties