

ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION ON ADAM MINES:

Thanks to colleagues who have raised the issue of destruction of ADAM type mines. In parallel with our transparent approach, I can state that destruction of ADAM mines which contain depleted Uranium cannot be realised in the Munitions Disposal Facility. That option would also contradict the national Environmental Regulations. As such, the Ministry of National Defence is taking the necessary steps for the destruction of the 22.788 ADAM type mines, in collaboration with the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA), which, as I have stated earlier this morning, is a well-known international institution with the relevant expertise and the most recent techniques available.