

Guinea-Bissau's Article 4 Statement

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Thanks Mr. Chairman

As you may aware, Guinea-Bissau declared in 2005 that it conclude the stockpile destruction of all AP mines found in our Military facilities.

But, during the UN mission in 2009, conducted by Mr. Kris Clark in Bissau was found in Quebo Military facilities at 250 KM at Bissau two Boxes of POMZ Mines and one dozen of PMN mines.

CAAMI as a National Coordination Body was informed by UNDP trough UN Mission report.

Due to the lack of logistical and financial support caused by UNDP decision to stop since 31 of July this year its support to Guinea-Bissau Mine action programme, along with all goods and Equipments including vehicles, it was practically impossible for us to carry out this destruction.

CAAMI informed UNDP RR about this situation, and we asked UNDP BCPR and UNMAS support to convince UNDP Bissau to give us at least one vehicle for this regard, and we ask financial support to organize the destruction of these mines but unfortunately we have not received a positive answer.

For these reasons, we retain these mines in stock, but we will do our best to destroy all these mines before the next meeting of State Parties.

Last month in Bissau during our meeting with UNDP and National NGOs to validate our final Report, UNDP took a decision to give us back some equipments and vehicles after It's CAP meeting. We believe that with these equipments we will continue to conduct our mine action activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask UN and Donors Collaboration and Support.

Thank you