

Poland: Statement on stockpile destruction by minister counsellor Wojciech Flera

Thank you, Mr. President,

I would like to thank all Delegations who expressed their satisfaction on Poland joining the Ottawa Convention. We are indeed proud of the fact that the Convention entered into force for Poland on 1st June this year.

It is worth recalling that prior to ratification Poland for many years voluntarily adhered to most of the Convention's provisions, and since 2003 has been submitting reports, which State Parties are required to submit in accordance with article 7. Poland has submitted its initial report on the 28 November 2013.

Mr. President,

By the end of 2010 Polish Armed Forces had withdrawn all anti-personnel mines from their inventories. These mines were subject to the ongoing process of destruction. So, even before our ratification process was completed, Poland had destroyed approximately 1 million anti-personnel mines. I would like to stress that there are no plans to retain anti-personnel mines for purposes not prohibited by the Convention, stipulated under article 3, and linked to training or development of demining technology.

Within this context, Mr. President, with your permission, I'll pass the floor to representative of the Polish Military Property Agency who will give us few more details on the destruction of stockpiles of anti-personnel mines, which were withdrawn from our military inventories.

Thank you, Mr. President

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Destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines in Poland



presented by Military Property Agency

13 MSP of Ottawa Convention

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Introduction



- December 2010 – decision on withdrawal of all stockpiles of APM from military inventories
- Military Property Agency - national authority responsible for destruction
- After preparation destruction in two phases
- Driving factors: control over the process, costs & environmental impact
- Formal deadline: 1 June 2017

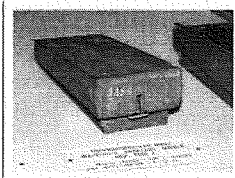




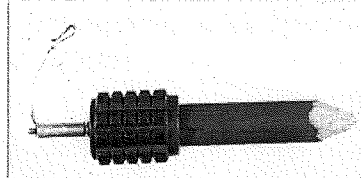
Initial APM stockpiles



PMD-6



POMZ-2 (2M)



PSM-1



MON-100



Quantities:

PMD-6	– 708 270 pcs
POMZ-2	– 310 709 pcs
PSM-1	– 49 083 pcs
MON-100	– 19 922 pcs



Preparatory phase



- Initial assessments determining destruction methods
- Logistic challenges
- Hand over of APMs and their parts to the Military Property Agency

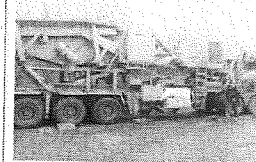
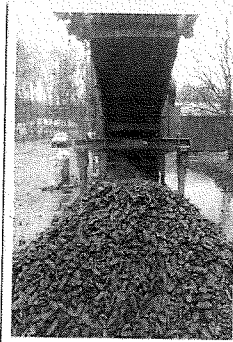




Destruction of PMD-6 and POMZ-2 components



- Preparing and awarding the tender
- Destruction of mines' casings and detonators and recycling scrap materials



Destruction of PMD-6 and POMZ-2 components - cont.



- Destruction of mines' casings, detonators and quantities of recycled mines components:
 - ❖ wooden corps of PMD-6 mines – 165 tons
 - ❖ metal corps of POMZ-2 (2M) mines and – 434 tons
 - ❖ steel detonator mechanisms of MUW – 29 tons
- Costs – some income and savings
- No impact on environment



Destruction of remaining APM stockpiles



- Quantities to be destroyed
 - ❖ PSM-1 mines – 16 957 pcs + 2019 pcs mine casings of versions without explosives
 - ❖ MON-100 mine casings – 21 044 pcs + 3282 pcs mine casings of versions without explosives
 - ❖ Detonators of different types
- Factors influencing destruction: control over the process, technical considerations, costs & environmental impact
- Initial estimation of costs - 175 000 Euro
- Approximate timeframe to complete the destruction – 2 years



Thank you for your attention

