

MBC, 5MSP

Intervention on art 3

Norway

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I want to make two quick points:

1. Norway has retained no APMs for training and development, despite the fact that demining activities carried out by our armed forces and Norwegian NGOs are not entirely insignificant. We have not seen retaining of live mines for art 2 purposes as a prerequisite for safe and effective demining operations.
2. When we see the number of APMs retained by some State Parties, which exceeds what can reasonably be considered the “absolute minimum necessary”, we find it even more relevant that States Parties take care in reporting on intended purpose and actual use of retained mines.