

SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE National Coordinator OF CNIDAH
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This is an update on the Angola Stockpile Destruction Project in
response to artº 4

This project is receiving technical support from UNDP Angola and
financial assistance from the European Commission as the main Donor
(EC). The project has the following objectives:

- To fulfill with Article 4 of the Ottawa Convention, ratified by the Angolan
Government and that came into force in December 2002, aiming at the
disposal of all Anti-Personal landmines in stock, within 4 years by
January 2007; and
- To develop the capacity building of the national authority, CNIDAH, the
operators and state bodies such as FAA and INAD to carry out the
destruction of the AP mines in stock in accordance with mine action
international humanitarian standards

For the Capacity building of the Armed Forces, the National Institute of
Demining and the National Police the following Courses are undertaken
under SPD Project:

- Stockpile Disposal Course;
- Technical Survey of Stocks Course,
- Reconversion Course from Military Demining to Humanitarian
Demining operations;
- Demolition Course.

The project has 5 phases, (1st Preparation, 2nd Planification,
Coordination and Training, 3rd Survey and Analysis of the AP mines
in Stock, 4th Review, tests and training, 5th Destruction of AP mines in
Stock)

At this point of time we have finished the phase 4 and we are starting the phase 5 on 25 September this. January of 2007 is our time table to completed the art° 4 of Ottawa Convention

The main difficulties to be mentioned are the following:

- The large size of our Country and the fact that a lot of stocks are scattered around;
- The problems with road access and access to the dumps in very remote areas

This is the update in regard to the fulfillment of article 4 by the Republic of Angola

Thank you