

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC AT THE SEVENTH MEETING

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ANTI-VEHICLE MINES WITH SENSITIVE FUSES

Since the period of the Cold War the Czechoslovak Army had been possessing anti-vehicle mines equipped with tripwire fuses. After the split of Czechoslovakia, this legacy fell into the hands of the Czech Army. Anti-vehicle mines have never been used in an operation neither in the Czech Republic nor abroad. Ten years ago, the production of anti-vehicle mines with tripwire fuses called Horizont finished and since then, no Horizont mines or other AVMs with tripwire or sensitive fuses have been sold neither to the Czech Army nor abroad. By now, the Czech Army still stockpiles some 1,000 Horizont anti-vehicle mines. However, the Czech Republic does not intend to use these mines in any military operation neither within nor outside the Czech Republic. The Horizont mines will be retired by around 2010. They are not being produced and there are no intentions to offer them for sale or export them in future.

CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN 2005

- € 69,820 (CZK 2,000,000) as a contribution to mine risk education and mine clearance in Angola and Zambia,
- € 41,164 (CZK 1,179,150) for mine clearance of about 38,200 square meters 6 kilometres eastwards from Lukavac by Tuzla,
- o € 11,200 (CZK 320,850) to finance a mine clearance quality management project in North-western Albania,
- € 973,503 (CZK 27,886,000) for mine risk education and anti-explosives protection of the Kaia International Airport in Kabul exercised by the Czech Army contingent deployed in the framework of the NATO International Security Assistance Force,
- In total, contributions provided by the Czech Republic in 2005 reached more than € 1,148,000 (CZK 32 886 000).