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THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DEHANNING AND REHABILITATION

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Article 3: Exceptions

COMMENTS BY

Jordan Delegation

*Thank you Mr. President
Excellencies, Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen....*

As reported through Jordan's regular Article 7 submissions, under Article 3 provisions, Jordan originally retained 1000 mines for training purposes.

Today I can report that this number has dropped to 850. We expect this number to drop by a further 150 mines in 2008 as we begin the training of local deminers in preparation for work on our northern border mine clearance project.

Mr. President, I do want congratulate the authors of the Convention for making provisions for the retention of mines for training purposes, as Jordan, the brave people who chose to be deminers, and our UN Peacekeepers who serve in many of today's trouble spots, will clearly benefit from this foresight.

Thank You Mr. President. Shukran