

Mine Ban Convention – Third Review Conference

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Statement by Australia

Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines

- . As permitted by the Convention and domestic legislation, Australia retains limited numbers of anti-personnel landmines for training and research purposes including in relation to the destruction and disposal of anti-personnel landmines and mine awareness and counter mine training.
 - A small quantity of these mines are used each year for our training requirements.
 - All 100 serviceable detonator assemblies previously held by Australia were destroyed in 2012.
- . A review of anti-personnel landmines training and research stocks was conducted in 2013 and a significant portion were marked for disposal.
 - As a result, in 2013 Australia's anti-personnel landmines stocks were reduced by a further 1870 landmines.
 - As Australia's training stockpile is diminished, alternatives such as replicas and other training aids will also be explored to support future training requirements.
- . Since the Convention came into effect for Australia in 1999, Australia's total number of anti-personnel landmines has been reduced by approximately 85 percent.
 - As reported in our annual report to the Convention, Australia currently retains 1264 anti-personnel landmines for training purposes.

I thank you