



PMN Series APM Stockpile Destruction Assessment Mission to Ukraine

BACKGROUND

The Canadian DFAIT Mine Action Team has an ongoing programme of technical support to the Ukraine for the stockpile destruction of APM. One element of this programme is technical support for the destruction of the PMN series of APM.

A proposal was recently received by DFAIT from the Corporation Spivdruzhnist (CS) for the destruction of Ukrainian stocks of PMN series APM.

This proposal lacked focus, technical and financial detail; consequently the DFAIT Mine Action Team did not have the management information necessary for any decision to be made on future support.



On 23 November 2000, Ambassador Livermore requested the technical assistance of the GICHD to conduct a "Quick Look " assessment mission to the Ukraine to obtain available data and to recommend further information requirements.

AIM

The aim of the assessment mission was to examine the nature of the PMN series APM stockpile destruction problem in Ukraine, to identify constraints and opportunities relating to the development of an indigenous destruction capability, and to make recommendations for an appropriate DFAIT response.

OVERVIEW OF ASSESSMENT VISIT

The GICHD team departed from GENEVA to KIEV on Tuesday 28 November 2000. Selected agencies or implementing partners involved in the stockpile destruction of PMN APM were consulted during the period Tuesday 28 November to Friday 01 December 2000. This included a visit by over-night train to the proposed destruction facility at DONETSK in South-East Ukraine. The GICHD team returned to KIEV on 01 December 2000 and then GENEVA on 02 December 2000.

REPORT

The report was compiled for the Canadian DFAIT, and therefore all enquiries as to content should be directed to them at apmines@dfait-maeci.gc.ca.

During the visit the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence officially declared their PMN series APM stockpile(1) to be:

SER	APM TYPE	QUANTITY	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	PMN 1	111, 607	
2	PMN2	293,296	
3	TOTAL	404, 903	

Footnote

1. The Ukrainian MOD also declared a stockpile of 5,947,596 PFM series APM for destruction.