



Technical Support to the United Nations Stockpile Destruction Website under development by the Canadian Department for Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Mine Action Team

BACKGROUND

The second meeting of the Standing Committee of Experts on Stockpile Destruction in Geneva during May 2000 identified that there was a requirement for information exchange in the field of stockpile destruction. The differing techniques, technologies and types of APM means that national authorities require sound management information in order that they can plan the most effective destruction programme.

A website for stockpile destruction has been developed by the Canadian Department for Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Mine Action Team on behalf of UNMAS in order to provide that information. The GICHD was tasked to support the project.

AIM

The aims of the GICHD study were to:

- a. identify commercial companies with the technical experience to contribute to the destruction of APM stockpiles;
- b. develop a format for case studies and complete example case studies;
- c. develop information for the technology section of the website; and
- d. recommend a display methodology in order that the joint UN / Canadian website can be developed and updated.

METHODOLOGY

A comprehensive internet search was conducted which, when combined with the technical and corporate knowledge of the GICHD, identified appropriate national organisations and commercial enterprises.

Case studies were conducted on Australia, France and Japan. These illustrated different technical approaches to solving the particular problems caused by each country's stockpile of APM. It is recommended that these be viewed on the UN Stockpile Destruction Website at: <http://www.stockpiles.org/>.