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ISSUES RELATED TO EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR LOCATED ON THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE

Considerable part of the Ukrainian territory is contaminated with different types of explosives due to two World Wars and uncontrolled military activities convened by the former Soviet Army.

According to experts, total area of territories contaminated with explosive remnants of war comes to 30,000 sq. km.

On the territory of Ukraine there are 34 former military testing areas that remain uncleaned from explosive ordnances.

Accidents at ammunition storage facilities complicate resolving of this problem.

Only for the period from 1996 to 2008, 100 persons were killed and 129 were injured owing to incautious handling with explosive ordnances.
LOCATION OF THE EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR AT THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE

Total area of affected territory comes to 30,000 sq. km.

The biggest concentration of explosive remnants of war is detected at:
I. Autonomous Republic of Crimea.
II. Central and Western Regions
III. Dnieper-river region.
IV. South-East Region.
V. Offshore strip of Black and Azov Seas

MAIN LOCATIONS OF THE EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR DUE TO PREVIOUS MILITARY ACTIVITIES

Total area of former military testing areas is about 15,000 sq. km.

In 1991-2007, 34 testing areas were closed and their lands were passed over to the local authorities.

The land's handing was exercised without proper safety review and clearance from explosive devices.
MINES CLEARING MEASURES

As of today, there were established 30 mine clearing teams, from 11 to 32 persons each. Their activities are coordinated by the Mines Clearing Center established within the MoE.

Re-equipment of teams with modern equipment is on the go.

Ministry of Emergencies, starting from 1 January 2006, to ensure execution phase of works related to mine clearing of all territory of Ukraine, excluding areas subject to deployment and activities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

STATISTICS
ON DETECTION AND ELIMINATION OF EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

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275 ARTILLERY BASE
ELIMINATION OF EMERGENCY SITUATION

Area of 275 Artillery base - 145.5 hectares.
Storage of 92 000 tones of ammunition.

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For the period of 2006-2008, MoE teams cleared 145.5 hectares of 275 Artillery Base territory (100%).
35.6 thousand tones of ammunition were destroyed.

According to conclusions made by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and the Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine, within the works on liquidation of emergency situation at the 275 Artillery Base, aggravations of ecological situation and population's living conditions were not fixed.
PROJECT UKRAINE-OSCE

"Assistance to the Government of Ukraine on Rehabilitation of Territory of the 275 Artillery Base".

Project budget – 240,000 Euro.

The project envisaged technical assistance to the MoE in the form of supply of body armour means, equipment for detection and destruction of ammunition, as well as special training courses.

Project was fully implemented during the years 2007-2008.

PROJECT UKRAINE-EU

"Support of the Governmental Authorities in operations to clear the Territory of the 275 Artillery Base in Novobogdanovka".

Project budget – 80,000 Euro.

The project envisaged development, on the basis of elimination of emergency situation at the 275 Artillery base, of the draft National Standards and Standard Operative Procedures for mines clearance of the Ukrainian territory.

Project was fully implemented during the years 2007-2008.

CLEARING OF THE AGRICULTURAL AREAS AROUND THE 275 ARTILLERY BASE

Totally it was cleared about 75 sq. km of territory around the 275 Artillery Base. During the operation MoE teams also used assistance provided by the EU and the OSCE.

These measures allowed to avoid victims among population and ensured safe use of agricultural areas.
**MINES CLEARING OF “TOVSTE” AREA**
(territory of former storage facilities used in 1930 - 1960)

For the period of 2001-2006, MoE eliminated 1455 explosive remnants of war, including 1109 air bombs. Total area to be cleared - 206 hectares.

In 2008 MoE teams inspected 10% of the “TOVSTE” area, detected and destroyed 3229 explosive devices, including 1159 air bombs.

It is planned to finalize works on complete mine clearing of “TOVSTE” area until 2011.

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**DESTRUCTION OF EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AT THE AREAS CLOSE TO THE CITIES SEVASTOPOL AND KERCH**

Район Мененцевых гор
Инженерные штольни
(г.Севастополь)

Аджимушкайские каменоломни
Район п Бочаренково
Музей-заповедник «Керченская Крепость»

Total area subject to survey and assessment is more than 1380 hectares.

It is expected that about 460,000 of explosive ordnances would be detected and destroyed.

As of today, 65% of territory is cleared. Detected and destroyed more than 124,000 of explosive devices.
With the purpose to finally resolve the problem of explosive remnants of war, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted State Mine Action Program for the years 2009-2014.

In accordance with the Program it is planned to:
1. Conduct clearance of 34 former military testing areas.
2. Finalize clearance of all territories where intensive military operations were taken place during the First and the Second World Wars. Total area of these territories is about 30,000 sq. km.
3. Ensure removal of explosive remnants of war from the areas close to Sevasopol and Kerch as well as storage facilities in Kharkiv region.
4. Develop mechanism to obtain funds, additional to the 17 million of USD provided by the Government. Those funds are envisaged to obtain from local budgets and economical entities.

PLAN OF ACTION ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE – PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Importance of educational and explanatory activities:
  - preparation of hand-books, booklets etc. as well as recommendations and their distribution among population, working staff and schoolchildren;
  - bringing to their attention information on threat from explosive devices as well as on rules of behavior in case of their detection;
  - information on how to get necessary assistance, including medical care.

Importance of Mass Media
PLAN OF ACTION ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE – FOCAL POINT

- Ministry of Emergencies of Ukraine is designated as the focal point for the implementation of the Plan of Action
- Importance of cooperation with other governmental agencies, especially with the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Interior.

PLAN OF ACTION ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL CARE

- Law of Ukraine on protection of population from emergency situations
- Law of Ukraine on Basic Principles of Health Protection:
  - Procedures for provision of medical assistance include use of all existing medical strengths and means, irrespective of their property forms, introduction of National Plan for social and psychological support of population, ensuring necessary quantity of patient care institutions, transport means and medical personnel;
  - Procedures on assistance to persons with disabilities in order to facilitate their socio-economic reintegration.
In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan on Elimination of the Emergency Situation at the 275 Artillery base, there were convened repair and renewal works at living accommodations, social buildings, exercised rehabilitation measures for persons in need, estimated ecological situation around the Base.

900 domestic buildings in Emergency Area were repaired.

Rehabilitation measures were applied to 1060 children, including 435 children of preschool age and 79 adults.

CONCLUDING REMARKS