



Stockpiled anti-personnel mines (left) being destroyed by open detonation in Peru (right).

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Environment Ltd. of Ottawa for an environmental assessment; and \$151,000 was allocated to NAMSA for the execution of the project. DND provided additional stockpile destruction technical assistance through the deployment of a Canadian Forces Ammunition Technical Officer. DFAIT provided \$50,000 to support this deployment.

The DFAIT Stockpile Destruction Program contributed \$86,000 to the Canadian International Demining Corps to purchase explosives for the Thailand Mine Action Centre's (TMAC) destruction of landmines. The TMAC was provided with quantities of FIXOR, a two-part liquid and powder explosive produced by the Kingston, Ontario firm MREL Specialty Explosive Products Ltd., to assist with the disposal of mines that had been located, stockpiled and awaiting destruction. Training to use this new explosive safely and efficiently was a component of the contribution.

Canada is committed to assisting Ukraine with the destruction of its approximately 6 million PFM and 400,000 PMN AP mines. A Memorandum of Mutually Beneficial Cooperation on the issue was signed between the countries in 1999. A Framework Arrangement setting out the structure of cooperation on AP mine



Sadic Koci, Director of the ULP Mjekës demilitarization facility, and Gwyneth Kutz, a representative of Canada's mission to Albania, assist in the first demilitarization of Albania's 1.6 million anti-personnel mines.

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destruction between Canada, other donors and the Government of Ukraine was subsequently signed in March 2001.

The DFAIT Stockpile Destruction Program provided \$57,000 in fiscal year 2000 to support plans for the destruction. A contribution of \$51,000 facilitated the preparation of technical materials to assist Ukrainian officials to plan destruction