

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
Council of the Ministers

DECISION

No. 269, date 25.5.2000

on

PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STORAGE, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTIPERSONNEL MINES AND THEIR DESTRUCTION

Based on the articles 100 and 102, of the Constitution and on the law NR. 8547, of 11, Nov. 1999, on the ratification of the Convention "On the prohibition of the use, storage, production and transfer of antipersonnel mines and their destruction", proposed by the Minister of Defence, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED:

- 1- In the Republic of Albania is prohibited the use of all kinds of antipersonnel mines.
- 2- In the Republic of Albania is prohibited the production from the state and private subjects all kinds of antipersonnel mines.
- 3- The selling and exporting of antipersonnel mines is prohibited.
- 4- The Ministry of Defence will retrieve from the Armed Forces all the types of antipersonnel mines in its stock.
- 5- All antipersonnel mines, which are in the Armed Forces inventory, will be destroyed within 2004.
- 6- The transfer of the antipersonnel mines is allowed only in cases of collection, destroying, according to the approved programme.
- 7- All the areas of the Republic of Albania, infected with mines, must be determined and cleared within 2009.
- 8- The Ministry of Defence based on the points 5 and 7 of this resolution, is to present to the Council of Ministers, the programme and financial funds, needed for the realisation of these obligations, three months after this law will come into power.

9- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and other state institutions, through official contacts with the governments of states, which are party or not in the Convention, with the United Nations Organisation and with Non-Governmental Organisations will ask financial and technological support for the realisation of the antipersonnel mines elimination projects, the clearing of the mined fields, and aid for mine victims as well.

10- The Ministry of Defence and Ministry for Foreign Affairs should collaborate between them in informing one another, for the implementation of the programme, and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to report in the United Nations Organisation to the Secretary General, not later than April 30th of each year, on the work done and on the problems faced during the programme implementation process, according to the Convention definitions.

This resolution enters in power after its publication in the " Official Paper".

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