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Cooperation and assistance: The role of the European Commission


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FRAMEWORK OF THE EU MINE ACTION (MA)

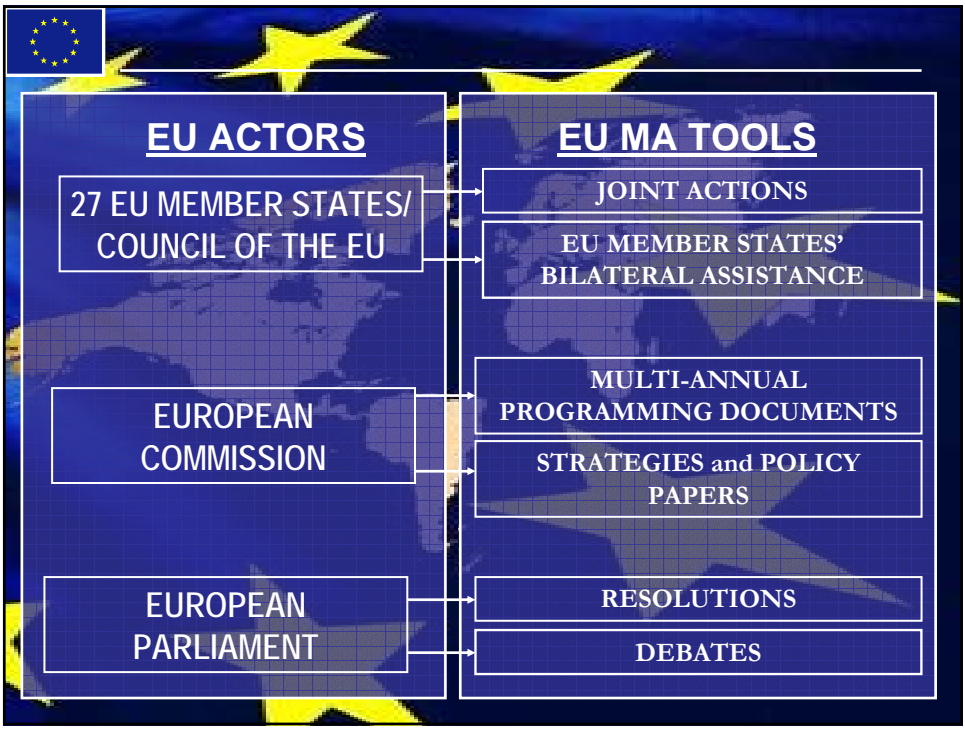
Universalisation and Implementation of the Ottawa Convention (1997)











EU MA GENERAL OBJECTIVE

- To assist countries affected by landmines and unexploded ordnance
- To restore the conditions necessary for the security of their populations and their economic and social development: enhancing HUMAN SECURITY
- The EU “zero-victim target”.

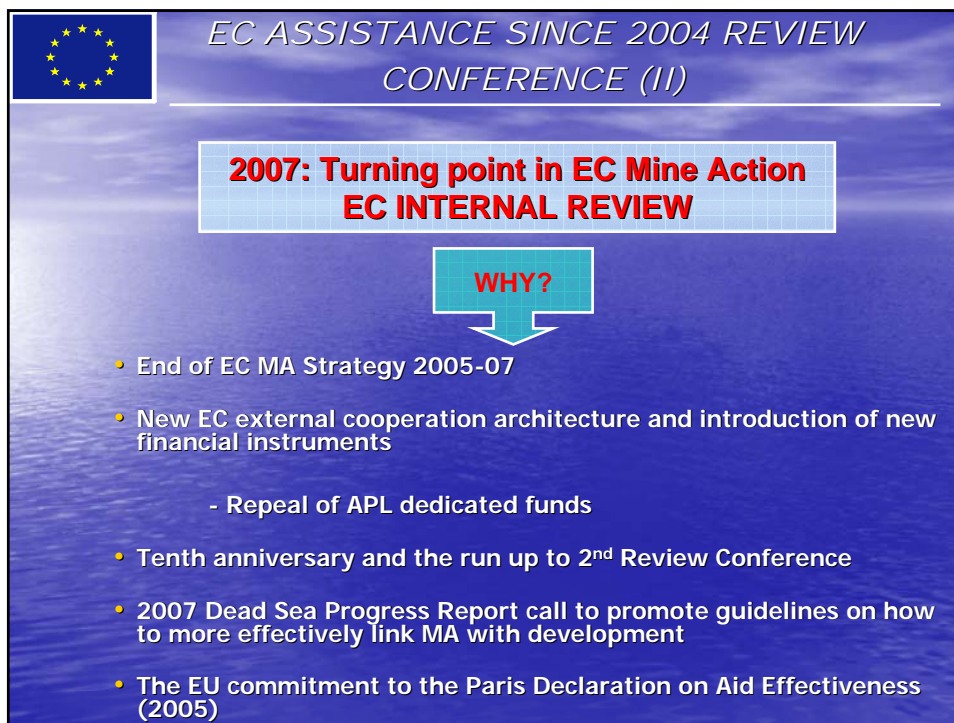
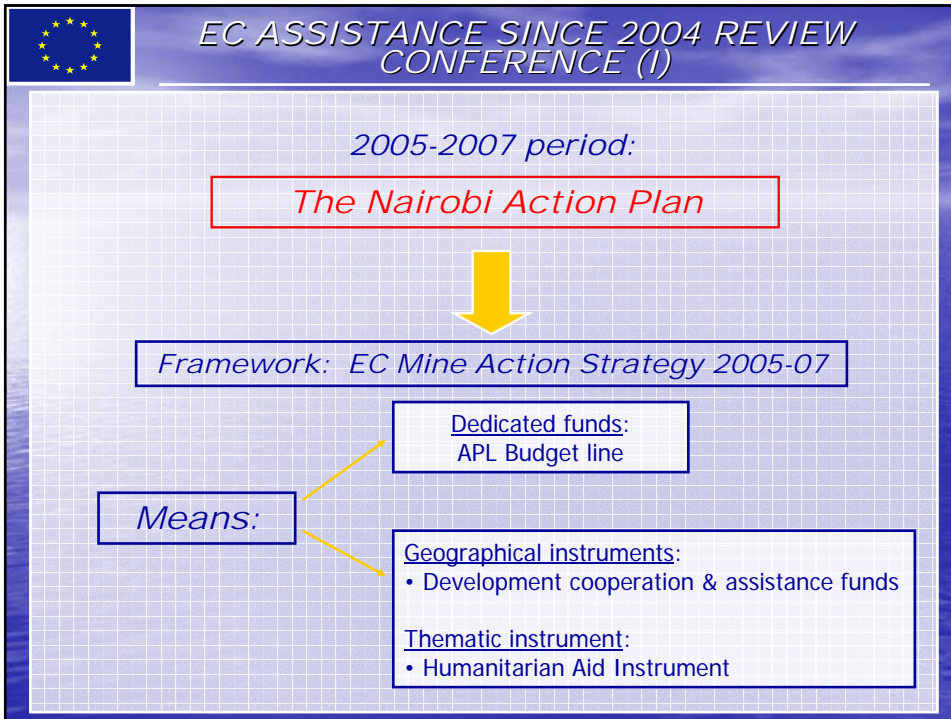



 *THE 5 PILLARS OF EC MA*

	CLEARANCE OF MINED AREAS
	MINE RISK EDUCATION
	APL STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION
	MINE AWARENESS
	MINE VICTIM ASSISTANCE, REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION

 *2002-2008 EC MA ENGAGEMENT*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afghanistan Albania Angola Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bosnia-Herzegovina Burundi Cambodia Chile Colombia Croatia Cyprus DRC Ecuador Eritrea Ethiopia Georgia Guinea-Bissau Indonesia Iraq 	 <p>42 countries assisted around the world</p> <p>TOTAL EC FUNDING: 300 Million Euro ca.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jordan Kosovo Kyrgyzstan Laos Lebanon Mozambique Myanmar Nicaragua Nepal Peru Senegal Somalia Sri Lanka Sudan Tajikistan Tunisia Uganda Ukraine Vietnam Yemen
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EC efforts « on the Road » to Cartagena

OUTCOMES OF THE EC INTERNAL REVIEW :

- Guidelines on EC Mine Action 2008-13
- Regional evaluations of EC-funded mine action under the EC MA Strategy 2005-07
- Studies on good donorship: how to set up and run MA programmes



EC efforts « on the road » to Cartagena


2008: NEW EC approach set by the Guidelines

Framework:

- **MA in the context of EC development cooperation & assistance (Paris Declaration)**
- **EC Programming documents: Country and Regional Strategy Papers (CSPs and RSPs)**

Means:
(for Central and South America):

- **European Development Fund (EDF)**
- **Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)**
- **Humanitarian Aid Instrument**





EC assistance to the Americas (I)

Main features :


- Total EC funding for MA in Latin America in the 2002-08 period: € 9 Million ca.
- 9 countries in Latin America still with APL/ERW problems. In 5 of them no casualties and little or no mine impact on populations.
- EC supported the 4 countries with the highest level of contamination: Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Nicaragua also supported.
- Nearly 60 % of funding to Colombia

WHY?



EC assistance to the Americas (I)

WHY?



- EC mine action driven by the « zero-victim target »: the impact on local populations
- Widespread contamination in Colombia: 60% of municipalities affected and one of the highest mine/ERW accident rates in the world (source: ICBL and GICHD).



EC assistance to the Americas (II)

Type of activities supported by EC in LA :

- Demining projects (including training and equipment) : Chile, Nicaragua and Peru/Ecuador
- Emergency and long-term MRE: Colombia
- Universalisation of MBT with NSAs (Geneva Call): Colombia
- MVA: Colombia



EC assistance to the Americas (III)

Country	Type of project	Cost	Relevance
Chile	Demining (including train & equip)	1.0 M€	Political relevance
Colombia	Capacity build national structures and rapid survey	2.5 M€	Good
Colombia	Emergency MRE	28 k€	Good
Colombia	Emergency MRE	1 k€	Good
Colombia	Geneva Call - universalisation of MBT with NSAs	250 k€ (estimate)	Good
Colombia	MRE	60 k€	Good
Colombia	MRE and VA	675 k€	Not yet known - started 2007
Colombia	Victim Assistance	800 K€	Not yet known - started 2007
Colombia	MRE and VA	525 k€	Not yet known - started 2007
Ecuador/ Peru	Demining (including train & equip)	1.0 M€	Political relevance
Nicaragua	Demining (including train & equip)	1.3 M€	Medium
World-wide	Support for universalisation of MBT	5 k€ (estimate)	Good

Source: GICHD Regional Evaluation for Latin America



EC assistance to the Americas (IV)

3 main dimensions of EC response to the APL problem :

- 1. Political response: support to the MBT and its universalisation and implementation peace-building measure
- 2. Aid and delivery response to the impact of landmines on local populations
- 3. Security response: presence of mines as sources of instability and security concerns (stockpiles or abandoned munitions)



How EC support to MA is triggered?

HIGHER ROLE OF THE MINE-AFFECTED EC PARTNERS:

EC SUPPORT BASED ON PARTNERS' NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

DECIDE THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO MA

REQUEST FOR EC ASSISTANCE (THROUGH EC DELEGATIONS)

INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE INCLUSION OF MA IN THE CSP



How EC support to mine action is triggered?

2009: Crucial year to request for EC assistance

- Only Colombia and Peru have requested MA assistance through their 2007-13 CSPs
- In the context of their co-operation with the EC, APL problem is not perceived « as a priority » for many LA countries
- Review of the CSPs in 2009: process just launched

Now is the time for interested countries to request the inclusion of MA in the review of their CSPs



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