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Presentation Outline

- PM/WRA Mission, Vision
- PM/WRA tasks
- USG Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) Planning Process
- USG Colombia Intent
- USG Issues/Concerns
- Q&A session



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Office Of Weapons Removal And Abatement

Mission

To develop policy options, implement destruction and mitigation programs and engage civil society in order to reduce the harmful world wide effects generated by indiscriminately used, illicit and abandoned conventional weapons of war.

Vision

A world where the use or probable use of illicit, abandoned, unsecured or indiscriminately used conventional weapons of war no longer threaten civilians.





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State Department PM/WRA Tasks

Mission: “...implement destruction and mitigation programs” for...

Small Arms/Light Weapons



Landmines



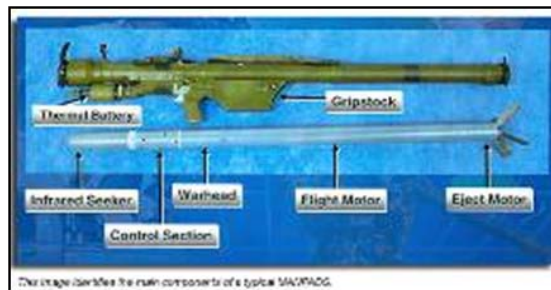
Unexploded Ordnance



Ammunition



MANPADS



Submunitions

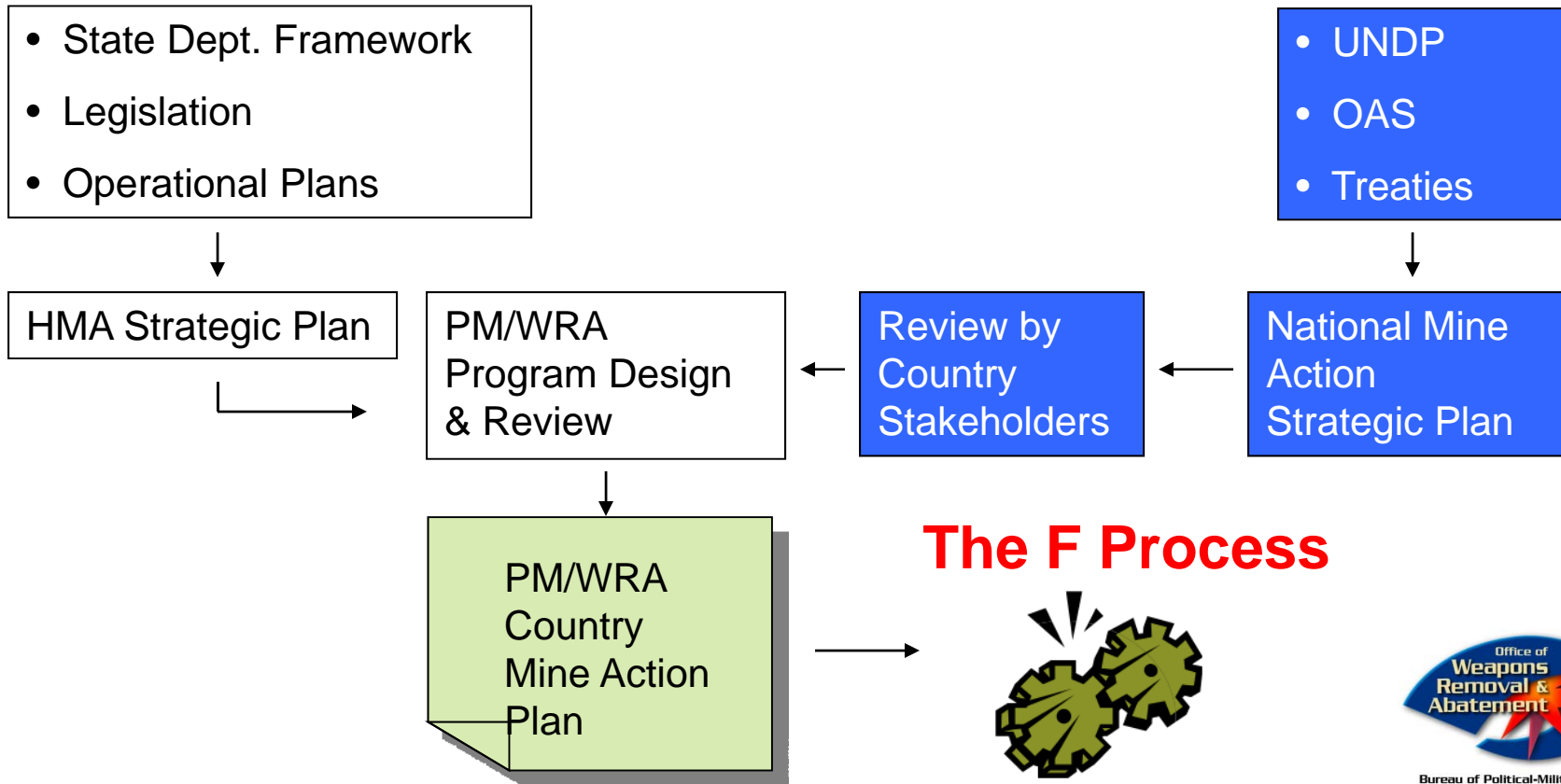




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US State Department PM/WRA

Mine Action Country Planning





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Country Selection Criteria

- Humanitarian Need
- National Foreign Policy Interests
- Program Structure, Management, Accountability and Transparency
- Demonstrated Host Nation Commitment



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USG Strategic Goals

- Protect victims of conflict.
- Protect innocent civilians from the effects of illicitly procured weapons and ammunition.
- Restore access to land and infrastructure.
- Promote conflict resolution and peace-building efforts.
- Develop host nation capacity.
- Demonstrate support for friends, allies and partners.
- Expand the funding base for conventional weapons destruction.
- Facilitate Small Arms/Light Weapons and MANPADS Destruction Efforts.
- Improve conventional munitions stockpile security and management practices.
- Prevent excess, loosely secured, or otherwise at-risk weapons and munitions from falling into the hands of terrorists, insurgents, criminals, and non-state actors.





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Country Plan

- Situation
 - Historical Background
 - U.S. Interests and Equities
 - Effectiveness To Date
 - PM/WRA
 - National Programs
- End State
- Program Execution
 - Intent/Impact
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Other Agencies/Organizations
- Resources
 - Implementing Mechanisms
- Points of Contact





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End State

- Example 1:
 - The end state is the development of a host national capacity able to manage and execute mine action activities (including long-term UXO abatement) in a safe, effective, and transparent manner.
- Example 2:
 - The end state for direct U.S. HMA assistance is the clearance of all high priority (e.g., agricultural land, health and education facilities) in the country.





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USG End State for Colombia

- The end-state for direct U.S HMA assistance is to advance Colombia's HMA activities to a point of self sufficiency, developing an **integrated action plan** consisting of Colombian demining teams, non-governmental clearance activities, mine risk education programs and victims assistance programs.





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Goal A: Develop Host Nation Capacity

- Objective 1(Met): Initiate a pilot (40 Man) Emergency Humanitarian Demining Unit to provide an “emergency rapid response” capability to contingency situations determined by the national mine action authorities.
- Objective 2(Open): Continue to support expansion and maintenance of emergency response teams in response to National Mine Action Authority requests.



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Goal B: Demonstrate Support for Friends and Allies

- Objective 1(Open): Develop MRE in Antioquia by supporting the development and placement of MRE specialists in 13 communities within Antioquia. Phase 1 specializing on children development was accomplished in 2008, phase 2 focusing on adult education will be continued in 2009.





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Goal C: To Protect Victims of Conflict

- Objective 1(Open): Selectively support victims of conflict in rural (remote) areas by assisting the GOC to expand the current number of CIREC medical rehabilitation brigade units by 20 additional units by 2011 and selectively supporting Association (township mutual aid) units under the SEEDS of Hope project.



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Goal C: To Protect Victims of Conflict

(continued)

- Objective 1(Open): Beginning in 2008 and beyond, USG support will look to exclusively focus support to war victims in Sucre Department as well as integrate victims assistance to ERT communities



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U.S. Issues for Investigation

- Organization – Civilian vs Military
- Planning Including Set Deployment Schedules
- Information and Communications Enhancement
- New Techniques – “Depth of Operations”
- Expansion of Operations – “Breath”





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Q&A Session