

SEESAC

South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons

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SEESAC ACTIVITY REPORT

SERBIA NATIONAL WEAPONS AMNESTY AMMUNITION DESTRUCTION

SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA	FA 6 - Weapons Destruction Programmes
SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY	SG 4 - Project Support SG 5 - Resource Mobilisation

BACKGROUND

The Belgrade-based South East Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), supported by UNDP and the Stability Pact, has continued to maintain close liaison and co-operation with the Serbian Ministry of the Interior during the current amnesty initiative.¹ The final SEESAC support provided for Phase 1 of the initiative was for the destruction of a limited quantity of small arms ammunition.



AMMUNITION DESTRUCTION



On 16 April 2003 approximately 40,000 rounds of small arms ammunition were destroyed by burning in a small rotary kiln furnace at the *Prvi Partizan* ammunition facility in **Uzice**. SEESAC technical staff monitored the destruction. The destruction system at *Prvi Partizan* is only designed to destroy between 20 - 40,000 rounds per working day, (approximately 0.4 - 0.8 tonnes²), and does not have a logistic disposal capability.

SEESAC now intends to move on to Phase 2 of the process, which will be to encourage further destruction operations for the remaining 42,000 weapons collected during the amnesty initiative.³ This will involve negotiation with Ministry of Interior, co-ordination activities and resource mobilization with potential donors.

¹ SEESAC Activity Report AR/001 refers.

² Assuming average mass of 20g per round.

³ As at 14 April 2003.

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