THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

ICBL PERSPECTIVES

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“South Eastern Europe”

For this presentation, South Eastern Europe =

- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Croatia
- FYR of Macedonia
- Georgia
- Greece
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Turkey
ADHERENCE TO THE MINE BAN TREATY

9 States Parties
• Albania
• Bosnia-Herzegovina
• Croatia
• FYR of Macedonia
• Greece
• Montenegro
• Serbia
• Slovenia
• Turkey

3 States not yet party
• Armenia
• Azerbaijan
• Georgia

UNIVERSALIZATION - PROGRESS & CHALLENGES

Votes for UNGA Resolution
• Armenia
• Azerbaijan
• Georgia

Voluntary Reporting
• Azerbaijan

Use
• Reported ongoing use by non-state armed groups: Turkey
• Allegations of use in 2008: Georgia
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS & CHALLENGES: Stockpile Destruction

On-time completion
✓ Albania
✓ Bosnia-Herzegovina
✓ Croatia
✓ FYR Macedonia
✓ Montenegro
✓ Serbia
✓ Slovenia

Non-compliant since 1 March 2008
× Greece
× Turkey

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS & CHALLENGES: Mine Clearance

Completed
• FYR Macedonia (1 March 2009)

Completion Likely Soon:
• Albania (1 August 2010)
• Greece (1 March 2014)
• Montenegro (1 April 2017)
• Serbia (1 March 2014)

Extensions granted
• Bosnia-Herzegovina (1 March 2009/1 March 2019)
• Croatia (1 March 2009 / 1 March 2019)
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS & CHALLENGES: Victim Assistance

VA26 STATES
• Albania
• Bosnia-Herzegovina
• Croatia
• Serbia

Physical therapy

Sitting Volleyball tournament, Bosnia 2008

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS & CHALLENGES: Articles 7 and 9

TRANSPARENCY REPORTS (Article 7)
• All reports from States Parties submitted in 2009

• NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES (Article 9)
Implementing legislation passed: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia

Existing laws sufficient: Greece, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Turkey
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