

AP Mine Ban Convention: Transparency in implementation



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“Transparency and the open exchange of information have been essential pillars on which the Convention’s practices, procedures and tradition of partnership have been built, through both formal means and informal means.”

- Nairobi Action Plan, 2005-2009



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Transparency mechanisms

Formal / required	Voluntary / encouraged
<input type="checkbox"/> Article 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Article 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Article 5 extension requests	<input type="checkbox"/> Article 5 extension requests
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intersessional Work Programme
	<input type="checkbox"/> MSPs / Review Conferences
	<input type="checkbox"/> Declarations of completion

Complementary means to (a) record progress, (b) measure against benchmarks, (c) communicate remaining challenge.

Each concerned with: (a) the magnitude the original challenge, (b) what has been accomplished since, (c) what remains to be done, (d) how it will be done, (e) by when will it be done

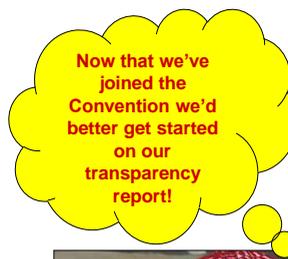


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Article 7 reporting: Why?

- Initial and annual transparency reporting are legal obligations.
- Initial reporting clarifies for which States Parties which obligations are relevant.
- Annual reporting demonstrates individual States Parties' ongoing seriousness to the aims and objectives of the Convention.
- The aggregate annual reporting is an indicator of the overall health of the Convention.



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Article 7 reporting: When?

Initial Reporting:

- Article 7.1: "...as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than 180 days after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party..."



Annual reporting:

- Article 7.2: "...information provided ... shall be updated by the States Parties annually, covering the last calendar year, and reported ... not later than 30 April of each year."

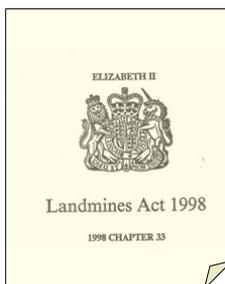
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Article 7 reporting: What?

States Parties must provide information on:

- National implementation measures.
- Stockpiled anti-personnel mines.
- The location of all mined areas.
- Mines retained or transferred for permitted reasons.
- Programs for the conversion or decommissioning of mine production facilities.
- Mine clearance and stockpile destruction programs.
- Mines destroyed as a result of mine clearance and stockpile destruction programs.
- The technical characteristics mines produced, owned or possessed.
- Measures taken to provide warnings to populations of mined areas.



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Article 7 reporting: What?

States Parties may volunteer additional information on:

- d. Activities undertaken / plans for mines retained or transferred for permitted reasons.
- j. Any other matter, including cooperation and assistance activities particularly assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

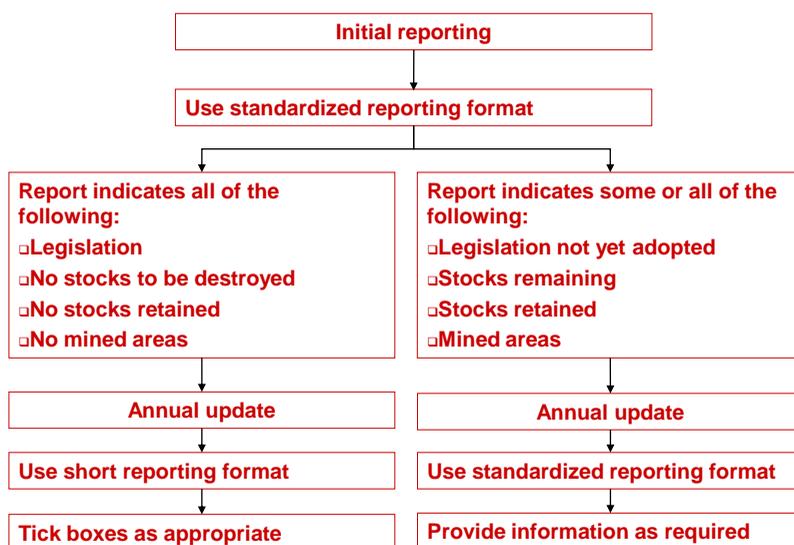
The States Parties aren't required to report on assistance to the victims, but the opportunity exists for them to volunteer such information!



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Article 7 reporting: How?



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NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: _____

REPORTING PERIOD: _____ to _____
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Form A: National implementation measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form F: Program of APM destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form G: APM destroyed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form C: Location of mined areas: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form H: Technical characteristics: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form D: APMs retained or transferred: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form I: Warning measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Status of conversion programs: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form J: Other Relevant Matters <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

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Article 7 reporting: How?



Ask for help!

- ❑ **The Implementation Support Unit is mandated to support you!**
- ❑ **The ISU has collaborated with the UNDP on guidance UNDP-supported States Parties can use.**
- ❑ **We can assist you in making reporting quick and easy!**



CONVENTION SUR L'ÉLIMINATION DE L'EMPLOI, DU STOCKAGE, DE LA PRODUCTION ET DU TRANSFERT DES MINES ANTI-PERSONNEL ET SUR LEUR DESTRUCTION

Formulaire pour les rapports à présenter en application de l'article 7
L'État partie est libre d'augmenter les rubriques des formulaires

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The ISU has supported several States Parties, include the Republic of Guinea, in preparing initial transparency reports.

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Advice: Report relative to benchmarks

“102 areas were initially identified as contaminated, representing 15,250,000 square metres.”

- ❑ What is the status of each of these areas?
- ❑ How much has been addressed and through which means?
- ❑ What many anti-personnel mines and other explosive remnants of war have found and destroyed?



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Advice: Report relative to extension request

“Croatia has goals of having eliminated by 2010 the mine danger from areas intended for human habitation or for infrastructure, and, by 2013 to have released all areas intended for agriculture.”

“Croatia has projected that the 410 km² of mine suspected area will be released by demining, 210 km² through general survey and 377 km² through technical survey. Croatia has developed annual timelines for the release of area according to each method.”

“Croatia has projected annual increases in the amount of mine suspected area to be released by demining, from 44 km² to be released in 2008, rising up to 56 km² to be released in 2010. “

“Croatia will apply the new standing operating procedures it has developed for the general survey of (forested areas)... Croatia expects to release a significant amount of this area through the determination that it is indeed not a “mined area” as defined by the Convention. Research and development activities will also focus on more rapidly releasing forested areas.”



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Advice: Report relative to extension analysis



- “The analysing group noted that, given the importance of support from sources in addition to the State budget, Bosnia and Herzegovina could benefit from providing more precise clarity regarding which areas of what size and at what locations remain to be addressed in each administrative area.”
- “The analysing group further noted that Bosnia and Herzegovina could benefit from using such precision as a benchmark from which to measure and communicate progress.”
- “The analysing group noted that such an accounting of the remaining mined areas would both serve as a foundation for a resource mobilisation strategy and greatly assist both Bosnia and Herzegovina and all States Parties in assessing progress in implementation during the extension period.”



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Advice: Report in response to MSP decisions



- In the context of considering the submission of requests under Article 5 of the Convention, the Meeting noted that the accounting of the remaining mined areas contained in many extension requests would serve as a foundation for a resource mobilisation strategy and greatly assist both requesting States Parties and all others in assessing progress in implementation during the extension period.
- The Meeting encouraged those requesting States Parties that have not yet done so to provide an accounting of annual milestones of progress to be achieved during extension periods.
- The Meeting furthermore encouraged all States Parties whose requests had been considered by the Ninth Meeting to provide updates relative to their accounting of remaining mined areas and / or annual benchmarks for progress at meetings of the Standing Committees, at the Second Review Conference and at Meetings of the States Parties.



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Thank you!

