

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION  
AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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**Form A: National implementation measures:** unchanged (last reporting: 2002)  
**Form F: Program of APM destruction:** unchanged (last reporting: 2001)

**Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:** changed  
**Form G: APM destroyed:** changed

**Form C: Location of mined areas:** non applicable  
**Form H: Technical characteristics:** unchanged (last reporting: 2002)

**Form D: APMs retained or transferred:** changed  
**Form I: Warning measures:** non applicable

**Form E: Status of conversion programs:** non applicable  
**Form J: Other Relevant Matters** changed

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**Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Information about antipersonnel mines retained according to Article 3 is provided in form D			

▼ **Form D APMs retained or transferred**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1. Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information - Series / Year of production
The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic	PP-Mi-Na 1 (Slovak denomination) Non-metal Blast Mine	500	---	04/89  Mines are retained for the purpose of the development of demining technology and for the mine destruction training.
The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic	PP-Mi-Šr II (Slovak denomination) Bounding Fragmentation Mine	981	---	18/56  Mines are retained for the purpose of the development of demining technology and for the mine destruction training.
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----	1481		

2. Transferred for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Non applicable

3. Transferred for the purpose of destruction (Article 3, para.2)

Non applicable

▼ **Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	(if Supplementary information- Series/ Year of production
<p>Slovakia completed the destruction of its stockpiled APMs in 2000. All relevant information in this regard was submitted in previous reports.</p> <p>Furthermore, Slovakia destroyed 5 antipersonnel fragmentation mines (Slovak denomination PP Mi-SrII) in 2003. The purpose was the development of demining technology</p>	5	---	18/56

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Non applicable

▼ **Form J Other relevant matters**

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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**Slovak activities in mine and UXO clearance programs and mine awareness**

Since 1993 Slovakia has been participating in mine action activities worldwide. The activities have been related to mine awareness programmes and mine and UXO clearance programmes.

Participation of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic in mine action activities in detail:

- a) 1993 – 1996 in UN mission UNPROFOR in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina – engineering unit in the strength of 600 troops (mine awareness training for the benefit of the other mission units and mine and UXO clearance),
- b) 1996 – 1998 in UN mission UNTAES in Croatia – engineering unit in the strength of 500 troops (mine and UXO clearance),
- c) 1999 - 2002 in the framework of NATO military operation KFOR – engineering unit in the strength of 43 troops (mine clearance),
- d) since December 2000 in UN mission UNMEE in Eritrea - engineering unit in the strength of 129 troops (mine clearance).
- e) since August 2003 in NATO military operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq - engineering unit in the strength of 110 troops (mine clearance).

**Slovak activities in mine and UXO clearance programs in the reported period**

Slovak engineering unit in the strength of 129 troops participated in 2003 in UN mission UNMEE in Eritrea. The Slovak unit consists of six mine clearance teams (approx. 60 men) which are tasked to demine the mined areas and roads. Mine clearance is conducted using the indigenous technical means. Slovak deminers manually verify the areas demined by technical means. The reliability of such demining is more than 90%. Slovakia continues its participation in UNMEE also in 2004.

Slovak engineering unit in the strength of 110 troops participated in 2003 in NATO military operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq. The Slovak unit consists of three mine clearance teams (approx. 30 men) who are tasked to demine the mined areas and roads. Mine clearance is conducted using indigenous technical means. Slovak deminers manually verify the areas demined by technical means.

Slovakia continues its participation in IRAQI FREEDOM also in 2004.

Slovakia plans to deploy an engineer unit for NATO mission in AFGANISTAN. The deployment is scheduled for June 2004. Its mission will be to clear the mined areas and roads in a particular area of responsibility. There will be EOD team which consists of 16 troops.

**Slovak mine clearance equipment Bozena and Belartv.**

Slovakia produces its own mine and UXO clearance equipment **BOŽENA** and **BELARTY**. Their capabilities, performance and safe operation have won extraordinary appraisal of experts and the local population in the areas cleared from mines, especially in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**BOŽENA** has been designed for removing all types of anti-personnel mines and anti-tank landmines in weeds, bushes, short vegetation and trip wires. It is not intended for direct use in war zone. Bozena's operation and demining system has been upgraded to Bozena 4. The Slovak Armed Forces bought 3 sets of this equipment in 2003. Bozena 4 is tracked mechanical mine clearance machine remotely controlled by a transmitter with a range of 2000 m, designed for clearing AP mines both pressure and tripwire fused and for AT mines up to 9 kg of TNT charged. The system shall be suitable for clearing between buildings, along paths, plantations, around permanent obstacles and where the ground cannot carry heavy weights. It will mainly be road transported on trailer between working areas. The prime mover B4-L1203 is controlled from an armoured, air-conditioned cabin by an operator with line-of-sight visibility. Bozena is protected from detonations by an armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal covering, giving protection against damage from detonations.

**BELARTY – UOS 155**. The special earth moving machine UOS 155 with mine clearance equipment is designed for demining of both anti-personnel and anti-tank mine fields in the bushes. UOS 155 can be used for digging of earth classified in any of the grades from 2 to 5 i.e. easy, intermediate and hard-to-dig type of soil using an appropriate tool. UOS 155 comprises the upper structure of the armored telescopic excavator UDS that is mounted on the tank T-55 undercarriage.

Furthermore, the Slovak Republic has at its disposal a non-destructive and thus environment-friendly technology for destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines. After the completion of Slovakian stockpiled anti-personnel mines destruction this capacity has become available for other interested countries.