



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Geneva Branch (Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention Secretariat or APLC Secretariat), and has the honor to transmit the annexed Philippines' annual report to the APLC covering the period from 01 January to 31 December 2019, in compliance with its Article 7 reporting obligation as a State Party to the Convention.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva (APLC Secretariat), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: Philippines

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

Reporting Formats for Article 7

STATE [PARTY]:

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

State [Party]: **Philippines** reporting for time period from **01 Jan 2019** to **31 Dec 2019**

Measures: PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE LAW ON LANDMINES Filed on 04 July 2016 by Senator Gregorio B Honasan II	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TOTAL BAN ON ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES, FOR OTHER PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF LANDMINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PHILIPPINES COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON LANDMINES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.	Introduced by Senator Gregorio B Honasan II on 04 July 2016 during the 1 st Regular Session of the 17 th Congress. Senate Bill No. 239 - Read on First Reading and Referred to the Committee(s) on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE Legislative Status – Pending in the Committee as of 02 Aug 2016

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."

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form C Location of mined areas

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

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

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"

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	-----			

1b. **Voluntary information** (*Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan*)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
N/A	N/A	"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use"

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form D (continued)

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	-----			

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	-----			

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

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

 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

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

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
N/A	Methods
N/A	Applicable safety standards
N/A	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
N/A	Methods
N/A	Applicable safety standards
N/A	Applicable environmental standards

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"

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
N/A			
TOTAL			

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL		

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

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

- i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

[Narrative:] The information about the Convention has been disseminated to the personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) during the conduct of periodic Ammunition Surveillance and Firearms Inspection (ASFI) to AFP units. The same information is disseminated in courses on Ammunition and Explosives conducted by the AFP, Philippine National Police (PNP) and Philippine Coastguard (PCG) training institutions, such as the Ammunition Management and Explosive Ordnance Disposal of the Philippine Army and its equivalent in the PAF, PN, PNP, and PCG. Likewise, the provisions of the Convention are also disseminated to the civilian populace during Bomb Threat Procedures lectures to multi-national companies and prominent business establishments.

The Philippines has no minefields, however, there are occasional reports of physical injuries and even deaths of a handful of individuals in the urban areas due to explosive remnants of war (ERW) or unexploded ordnance (UXO) from the WWII, and in the country-sides where the **government forces have exchanged fires with the non-states armed groups (NSAGs).**

A local non-government organization (NGO) based in Cotabato and a Swiss-based NGO in coordination with Mindanao-based AFP units in areas like Cotabato and Bukidnon are regularly conducting training/seminars/workshops to the civilian residents particularly on the landmine ban and other humanitarian issues including hazards posed by improvised explosives devices (IEDs) and unexploded ordnance (UXO) in their periphery.

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.

State [Party]: Philippines reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

The Philippines, under the stewardship of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of National Defense thru the Armed Forces of the Philippines Munitions Control Center (AFPMCC) has participated in Mine Action Regional efforts by sending the following government personnel to meetings of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre as indicated:

Activity	Period Covered	Venue	Name of Attendee/ Representative
9 th Meeting of the ARMAC Steering Committee	22 March 2019	Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia	COL FERNANDO V FELIPE PA(MNSA)
10 th Meeting of the ARMAC Steering Committee	12 June 2019	Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia	CAPT FLORO C CANALEJA JR PN(MNSA)
11 th Meeting of the ARMAC Steering Committee	17 December 2019	Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia	BGEN FERNANDO V FELIPE AFP MAJ RODEL C FULGENCIO (OS) PA CPT MA. GLAIZA L RONCAL (OS) PA