

**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/Signatory]: **Botswana**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Botswana has the honour to, in compliance with Article 7 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Ottawa Convention) submit the Country report as follows:

Botswana is not directly, affected by the problem of landmines. Botswana has not produced or exported anti-personnel landmines. The Botswana Defence Force (BDF) has not laid any landmines in Botswana or any other country.

The Country does not have a stockpile of mines but maintains a small quantity for training purposes. This is important because in the past the Botswana Defence Force soldiers have been deployed to mine-infested Countries on peace keeping assignments. Therefore there is need for the soldiers to be trained in handling landmines.

Botswana joins the International Community in deploring the irreparable harm that landmines inflict on populations. Botswana is therefore committed to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel mines and on their destruction and to the full implementation of its provisions. It will in this regard continue to actively participate in international efforts aimed at the complete eradication of these weapons.