



**Représentation permanente de la Belgique  
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies  
et des Institutions spécialisées**

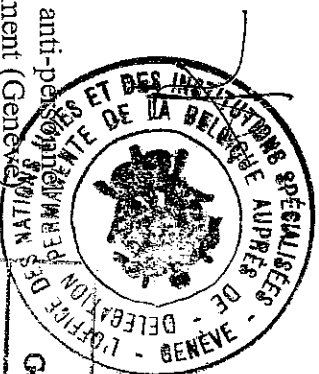
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La Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des Institutions spécialisées à Genève, de la Conférence du Désarmement et de l'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce à Genève présente ses compliments au Département des Nations Unies pour les Affaires de Désarmement et a l'honneur de lui transmettre, ci-joint, le rapport de la Belgique concernant l'Article 7 de la Convention sur l'Interdiction des Mines anti-personnel, portant sur la période de référence du 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2003 au 31 décembre 2003.

La Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des Institutions spécialisées à Genève, de la Conférence du Désarmement et de l'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce à Genève saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Département des Nations Unies pour les Affaires de Désarmement les assurances de sa haute considération.

Genève, le 23 avril 2004.



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Geneva Branch

Au Responsable de l'Article 7 de la Convention sur les Mines anti-personnel  
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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<sup>1</sup>**

STATE PARTY:

**BELGIUM**

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<sup>1</sup> These reporting formats informally provided by Austria on disk are based on document APLC/MSP.1/1999/L.4 of 31 March 1999, as amended and decided upon by the First Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, held in Maputo from 3 to 7 May 1999. Tables of formats may be expanded as desired.

**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]: **BELGIUM** Reporting for time period **01 January 03** to **31 December 03**  
from \_\_\_\_\_

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
Law of 9 March 1995 on anti-personnel mines, booby traps and similar devices	11 April 1995
Law of 24 June 1996 amending the Law of 3 January 1933 on arms production and trade, on the carrying of weapons and on ammunition trade, with a view to prohibiting the Belgian State and public services from storing anti-personnel mines.	19 July 1996
Law of 10 August 1998 on the ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction.	28 December 1998
Law of 30 March 2000 on the definitive prohibition of anti-personnel mines. This law simplified the existing procedure by canceling the five years moratorium.	17 April 2000

**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
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**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."

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1. Areas that contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>				

\* 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"

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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
<b>ARMED FORCES</b>	<b>MB 35 Bg</b>	<b>4806</b>		As of 01 January 2003
	<b>MB 35 Bg</b>	<b>4443</b>		As of 31 December 2003
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4443</b>		363 used for training purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention (see Form G)

2. 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
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			



**Form D (continued)**

3. 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
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			

**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."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
<b>NOTHING TO REPORT</b>		

**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]:   BELGIUM   reporting for time period from   01 January 03   to   31 December 03  

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

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

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

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	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]: BELGIUM reporting for time period from 01 January 03 to 31 December 03

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>M 35 Bg</b>	4489		Destroyed by our EOD Service in 1998
	424		1999, for training purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention
	383		2000, at the Engineer School, 290 mines were used to educate 106 officers, NCO and soldiers as EOD personnel and to train 3010 militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" In Engineer Combat Units, 93 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners.
	334		2001, at the Engineer School, 190 mines were used to educate 13 NCO as EOD personnel and to train 3169 militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" EOD Service made explode 5 mines for training their personnel in humanitarian de-mining. In Engineer Combat Units, 139 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners.

	293	2002, At the Engineer School, 158 mines were used to educate NCOs as EOD personnel and to train 3550 militaries from combat units in " Mine Awareness" In Engineer Combat Units, 135 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners.
	363	2003, At the Engineer School, 182 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel. In Engineer Combat Units, 181 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners and and to train militaries from combat units in " Mine Awareness" (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
TOTAL	6286	

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>		
TOTAL		

**Form H      Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed**

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

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, color photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

State [Party]: BELGIUM reporting for time period from 01 January 03 to 31 December 03

1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>							

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
<b>M 35 Bg</b>	<b>Ø 67 mm</b>	<b>Detonating type M 5Bg</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>120 gr</b>	<b>35 gr</b>	<b>No</b>	

**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]:      BELGIUM      reporting for time period from      01 January 03      to      31 December 03

[Narrative:] **NOT 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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[Narrative / reference to other reports]

1. From the stock retained under Article 3, no live mines were needed at this stage of research and development studies, but it will be otherwise in the future.

**2. Belgian contribution to international assistance in 2003**

In 2003, Belgian expenditure for international assistance, as shown in the table attached, represents an increase as compared to 2002. In addition, assistance in kind is made available for de-mining as well as the development of new technologies.

**A. Summarizing table 2003**

**(1) Cambodia (de-mining)**

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence in co-operation with LUXEMBOURG  
Financial 401.120 Euro and in kind Ministry of Defence (estimated at 63.000 EURO) 3 Belgian and 1 Luxembourg EOD Operators as technical advisers to the Cambodia Mine Action Centre.  
UXO clearance - capacity-building (EOD Branch of CMAC)  
Cambodia technical assistance to CMAC for mine clearance operations

**(2) Laos**

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence



Financial 367 158 Euro and in kind (Estimated at 36.000 EURO) 2 EOD Operators as technical advisers to the Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Program.  
UXO clearance - capacity-building  
UXO clearance in the province of CHAMPASSAK Ministry of Defence

**(3) Laos**

135.000Euro

Support to UXO-Lao through the UNDP trust fund

Federal public service Foreign Affairs (Directorate-general for Development Cooperation).

**(4) Kosovo**

Ministry of Defence

In kind (estimated at 150 000 Euro per years mission)

3 UXO clearance experts involved in UXO clearance - capacity-building

The UXO clearance is executed in conformity with the mandate of KFOR and assistance to local de-mining organisations.

**(5) Bosnia**

Ministry of Defence

In kind (estimated at 26.000 EURO per four months mission)

4 UXO clearance experts involved in storage management of stockpiled mines and ammunition.

SFOR: ammunition reduction program

**(6) EUDEM**

Ministry of Defence.

In kind (Estimated at 1600 EURO).

1 military is a "full-time" member of the advisory panel within the project that is sponsored by the EU.

**(7) PARADIS**

Ministry of Defence

Financial 86.500 EURO

Research and Development

Developing a software instrument for de-mine planning and follow-up of de-mining operations.

Royal Military Academy

**(8) BEMAT (=HUDEM follow- on project)**

Ministry of Defence

Financial 107. 000 EURO

Research and Development:

Analysing and developing technologies for close-in detection of mines and remote area reduction as well as low cost robotic solutions

Royal Military Academy and 8 Belgian universities

**(9) National contribution to the EC/JRC "Multi-Sensor Mine Signature" project (MSMS)**

Ministry of Defence Contribution in kind (estimated at 10.000 EURO) to balance an equivalent financial contribution from the EC/DG JRC (also estimated at 10.000 EURO).

Essentially travel costs and per diem of the test managers participating in the technical reports drafting committee.

Tests and Evaluation.

Creating a free cost database of mine signatures.

Royal Military Academy

**(10) National support to the International Test & Evaluation Program (ITEP) MoU**

Ministry of Defence

Financial 122.800 EURO

Tests and Evaluation.

Developing standards for testing and evaluating performances of de-mining tools to be fielded as well as testing and evaluating those tools (Royal Military Academy)

**(11) GICHD –Support Unit**

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs

9.915 Euro

Support of the implementation of the Convention

**(12) Contribution to project EC/DG INFSO Project "S Minefields Area Reduction SMART**

Ministry of Defence

In kind (estimated 12.000 EURO).

Administrative and travel costs support to the financing by EC/DG INSFO of the project "SMART" (135.415 EURO)

Data collection by a ZEPPELIN airship above Croatia i.a.w. the CROMAC directives.  
Development of image processing algorithms tailored to the delineation of minefields from an airship platform  
Royal Military Academy

**(13) Landmine Monitor**

50,000 Euro

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs

Financial

Advocacy and Prevention

Assistance to Landmine Monitor in reviewing the implementation of the Convention

**(14) Handicap International Belgium**

947.035 Euro

Funding in the framework of the cooperation with the non-governmental organisations

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs (Directorate-general for Development Cooperation)

Financial

Victim Assistance, advocacy and prevention

Angola: Physical re-adaptation of war victims and victims of anti-personnel mines in Benguele: 331.684 Euro

Cambodja: Support to centers for social and physical re-adaptation: 349.672 Euro

Cambodja: support to victims of anti-personnel mines and road accidents: 146.679 Euro

Production, diffusion and dissemination of information on anti-personnel mines and UXO: (119.000) Euro

**(15) Afghanistan**

200.000 Euro

Support to mine action in Afghanistan through the UNMAS trust fund

Federal public service Foreign Affairs (Directorate-general for Development Cooperation)

Financial

Mine clearance, capacity –building, victim-assistance and prevention (UNMAS)

**(16) EOD courses**

The Belgian Ministry of Defence organised EOD courses (EOD Team Chief) open to foreign military in 2003. From 8 slots that were available for 2003, 5 were occupied by military from ANGOLA, BENIN, GABON and CONGO BRAZAVILLE. Total cost estimated at 48.000 €.

*Multi-annual*

**(17) ICRC “Special appeal “**

74,367 Euro

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs of Belgium (Directorate-General for Political Multilateral Relations and Thematic Questions)

Financial

Victim Assistance, Advocacy and Prevention

Special appeal for 2000-2005 ICRC

**(18) R.D of Congo (Kisangani)**

3.000.000 Euro

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs of Belgium (Directorate-General for Development Cooperation)

Mine Clearance, capacity building, victim-assistance and prevention

NGO Handicap International Belgium

Project: Support to community approaches to the mine problem around Kisangani (2004-2007)