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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to submit herewith, the initial report of the Government of Sierra Leone in compliance with Article 7 of the Convention of the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, covering the period 30 March 2002 to 31 December 2003.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 9 February 2004



The Secretary-General of the United Nations  
C/O MBC Article 7 Officer  
UN Department for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)

**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>**

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**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]: **Sierra Leone**

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
Sierra Leone ratified the Convention on 25 April 2001	
<b>Appropriate enabling legislation is under consideration</b>	

**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>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</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>Nil</b>				

**2. Areas suspected to contain mines\***

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>Nil</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>Nil</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			

**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>Nil</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
Nil				
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."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
<b>Not Applicable</b>		



## Status of programs for destruction of APMs

"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."

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

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
Not Applicable	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"

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

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>PMN 2</b>	72		Destruction of entire stockpile was completed on 11 February 2003
<b>MAI 75</b>	878		Destruction was by explosive technique at Hastings Infantry Training Centre (ITC) with no visible environmental impact
<b>SB 33</b>	9		
<b>TOTAL</b>	959		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
<b>Nil</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

# **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, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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## 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>Not applicable</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".

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					<b>2003</b>

[Narrative:]

As of this date there are no known or suspected areas where anti-personnel landmines were emplaced during the rebel conflict. However, measures are being taken through public information and sensitization programmes conducted, for example by SHARE, a local NGO, to warn the population about the dangers of UXOs and other potentially dangerous remnants of war. These programmes are useful especially in areas such as the Kono, Kailahun, Moyamba, Tonkolili and Koinadugu Districts that had experienced heavy combat during the rebel conflict. The scope of these public awareness programmes need to be expanded to other areas, and could include basic training in the identification of potentially dangerous remnants of war, and the creation of informal reporting and information-sharing procedures for people in the rural areas, especially farmers.