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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
Ministry of National Defense
MONROVIA, LIBERIA



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MBC Article 7 Officer
United Nations Dept. for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Gene'va 10, Suisse

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Liberia presents its compliments to the Officer in charge of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs.

In keeping with our international obligations, especially as a Government that ratified the treaty banning the use of Anti-Personnel Mines (APM's), we have the distinguished honor to submit our report for FY 2004.

The Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Liberia wishes to inform you further, that our National Defense Policy has never permitted the purchase for inclusion in our inventories, Anti-Personnel Mines (APM's). We want to report, however, that during the course of the 14- year civil crisis, ECOMOG, the intervening West African Force, did employ the use of APM's to a limited extent. Regrettably, that Force did not share any information with the Ministry of National Defense on the type and deployment area of the hardware used.


Following the departure of the Force from Liberia, a few cases of APM's related accidents were reported in the City of Buchanan, some 88 miles away from Monrovia, the Capital.

We wish to assure you that the National Transitional Government under the Chairmanship of H.E. Charles Gyude Bryant, will continue to uphold the spirit of the treaty banning all APM's and related devices.

The Ministry of National of Defense of the Republic of Liberia avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its commitment to peace and human safety.

Kind regards,

Very truly yours,



Daniel L. Chea, Sr.
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: LIBERIA (GOL)

REPORTING PERIOD: 01-01-04 to 31-12-04
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| Form A: National implementation measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ | Form F: Program of APM destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ |
| Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ | Form G: APM destroyed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ |
| Form C: Location of mined areas: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ | Form H: Technical characteristics: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ |
| Form D: APMs retained or transferred: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ | Form I: Warning measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable ✓ |
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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 7¹

STATE PARTY: LIBERIA (GOL)

DATE OF SUBMISSION 30, April 2004

POINT OF CONTACT

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

¹ 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]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 04 to 31 Dec 04

| Measures | Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached). |
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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."

State [Party]: Tibetia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 04 to 31 Dec 04

| Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Not Applicable | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

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]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan to 31 Dec 04

1. Areas that contain mines*

| Location | Type | Quantity | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information |
|-----------------------|------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Not Applicable | N/A | | | |

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

| Location | Type | Quantity | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information |
|----------|------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
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* 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]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 04 to 31 Dec 04

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

| Institution authorized by State Party | Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Not Applicable | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | |

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 |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|---------------------|---|
| Not Applicable | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | |

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 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| Not Applicable | | | | |
| 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]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 04 to 31 Dec 04

| Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission" | Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed") | Supplementary information |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| Nothing to Report | | |

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]: Tiberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 04 to 31 Dec 04

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

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| Description of the status of programs including: | Details of: |
| Location of destruction sites | Methods |
| Not Applicable | Applicable safety standards |
| | Applicable environmental standards |

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

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|--|------------------------------------|
| Description of the status of programs including: | Details of: |
| Location of destruction sites | Methods |
| Not Applicable | 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]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 04 to 31 Dec 04

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

| Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Not Applicable | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

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

| Type | Quantity | Supplementary information |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Not Applicable | | |
| 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, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

State [Party]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan '04 to 31 Dec '04

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 | | | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |

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 | | | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1

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

- 1) 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]: **Tiberia** reporting for time period from **01 Jan '04** to **31 Dec '04**

[Narrative:]

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]: Liberia reporting for time period from 01 Jan 31 Dec '04

[Narrative / reference to other reports]