

ARTICLE 7 REPORT

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

STATE PARTY: **REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

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A. National implementation measures

Article 7.1 “Each state Party shall report to the Secretary Generalon:
a) The National implementation measures referred to in Article 9.”

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Measure	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Presidential Order of 24 December 1998 confirms that all international treaties and conventions, ratified by the Government of Rwanda, are integral part of the domestic law. This is also confirmed by Rwandan Constitution. So is the Mine Ban treaty.</i><i>2. Existing law- “Decret-Loi no 12/79 relatif au Régime des Armes à feu et de leurs Munitions” prohibits illegal importation, use, transfer and possession of arms and ammunitions including Mines.</i><i>3. In order to address the requirements of the article 9 to the Ottawa convention, efforts to enact a legislation and administrative measures are underway following the promulgation of a new constitution in Rwanda. Now the draft of the said law is in the Ministry of Justice for final comments as the Advisor of the Cabinet.</i>	

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7.1 “Each State Party shall report to the Secretary Generalon:

- 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
<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>The former regime that carried out Genocide in Rwanda in 1994, after being defeated, fled into neighboring Congo with all Arms and Ammunitions including antipersonnel mines</i> <i>The post genocide Rwanda government has never imported antipersonnel mines, and therefore no stockpiled antipersonnel mines in Rwanda. Stocks of before 1994 having been taken by the former Government Forces.</i>
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TOTAL	<i>Nil</i>		

NB: N/A means “not applicable”

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. Area that contain mines *

<i>Location (Province)</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Date of emplacement</i>	<i>Supplementary information</i>
<i>1. Byumba Province (North)</i>	<i>Ref to annexes A & B (Mines & UXOS found in Rwanda).</i>	<i>The quantities in each minefield not known.</i>	<i>1990-1994 & 1997-1998</i>	<i>No new mines were laid on the territory of Rwanda since 1998.</i>
<i>2. Gisenyi Province (Northwest)</i>				
<i>3. Kigali rural province</i>				
<i>4. Ruhengeli Province (Mutobo area)</i>				
<i>5. In other Province, there are no minefields that have been identified.</i>				

Form D APMs retained or transferred

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

Institute authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
The National demining office.	<i>PMD-6</i>	<i>32 Pieces</i>	-	
	<i>TS 50</i>	<i>26 Pieces</i>	-	
	<i>M 35</i>	<i>43 Pieces</i>	-	
TOTAL		<i>101 Pieces</i>	-	<i>These mines were uprooted from minefields and retained for training purposes. This number has not changed since the last reporting period because there has been no training on demining activities.</i>

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

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

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 program 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
N/A	N/A	<i>The production of antipersonnel mines never took place in the Republic of Rwanda and thus, there are no mine production facilities.</i>

Form F**Status of programs for destruction of APMs**

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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:
N/A	Methods
N/A	Applicable environmental standards
N/A	

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

Description of the status of program including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
<i>Mines that are found during de-mining operations are destroyed “in SITU” and this is in accordance with the international mine action standards (IMAS).</i>	<i>Methods: Explosive charge Placement with Electric or non-electric firing system. Burning by use of incendiary grenades has also been used.</i>
<i>Location of destruction sites (see annex C)</i>	
	<i>Applicable safety standards:, standards operating procedures</i>
	<i>Applicable environment standards: National Environment legislations.</i>

Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 “Each State Party shall report to the Secretary Generalon:

- g) The type and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed in accordance with Article 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible the lot number 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
<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	-	N/A
		-	N/A
TOTAL	<i>Nil</i>		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
<i>See Annex B</i>	<i>See Annex A & B</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Most targets demolished are Mines, and or UXOS.</i>
TOTAL		

Form H technical characteristics of each type produce/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 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 mine; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, color photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance”

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1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced.

Type	Dimension	Fusing explosive content		Metallic	Color photo	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
		Type	Grams	Content	Attached	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced.

Type	Dimension	Fusing	Fusing explosive content		Metallic	Color photo	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			Type	Grams	Content	Attached	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 “Each State Party shall report to the Secretary Generalon:

- 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 A/personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall insure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in the 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 there in 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 Prohibition or Restrictions on the use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or Have Indiscriminate Effects”.

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[Narrative]:

The National De-mining Office carries out De-mining operations as per international Mine Action Standards. Mined areas are clearly defined and all personnel are made aware of the marking procedures. Mine awareness campaigns are conducted by regularly broadcasting over the Radio, Television, and Publications in newspapers, lectures and distribution of education materials. All minefields marking stakes are to be painted red and a Red tape is put on the danger side. All minefields marking stakes are to be connected with either marking tapes or strings. All access routes and clearance lanes are carefully checked using mine detectors. The minefield control points (MCP) will be not closer than 100 meters from a known or suspected mined area.

Form J**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*****State Party: Rwanda******Reporting Time Period: From April 2004 to April 2005***

Rwanda's mine action program capability has currently deteriorated following the closure of the demining financial support. This has left the NDO with no options but only to react to on call hasty reports while big mine fields remain untouched. The remaining mine fields are extremely challenging (heavily vegetated and on steep slopes) and require additional resources currently unavailable to the NDO.

All the mine detection dogs have been retired due to age.

Absence of mine risk education has resulted to a renewed rise of causality figures.

Yet with all the above challenges, about 900,000 square meters of good agricultural land remain contaminated with mines and UXOs. Due to deteriorating operational capacities, scant resources to cover mounting operating expenses, clearing the remaining minefields may go beyond Rwanda clearance dead line of 2009. Rwanda has the potential to become one of the first countries in Africa to declare itself mine-safe if provided with assistance. The indigenous capability is there and requires a assistance financially to complete the remaining minefields.

Rwanda requires resources in terms mechanical assets, MDDS, new mine detectors, new vehicles as troop carriers, communication equipments, operational running costs to mention but a few .These resources would allow the NDO to clear the remaining minefield in the agreed time line.

Mines and UXOs cleared from January 2004 –December 2004

Areas	Jan04	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kigali T&R	54	0	54	24	29	32	44	48	0	0	81	0	366
Mutara Province	0	0	0	0	55	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Byumba Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
Butare Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruhengeli province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gisenyi Province	0	0	36	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Gitarama Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gikongoro Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cyangugu Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kibungo Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	202	245
Kibuye Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	54	0	90	24	95	60	44	48	0	0	124	226	765

Armed Mines cleared in Rwanda to date

Type	Total
Shrapnel A/P mines	79
T.S 50	760
M-14	1
M-19	1
PRB m-5	5
A/TM 57	122
A/T Blast	6
PMD-6	33
TM-62	6
A/TM 47	27
POMZ 2	7
AP BU-6	1
PMN	3
A/P5MI DV 59	4
MK2	6
IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVES	42
MINE A/P M409	6
FLAGMENTATIONAL MINES	6
MINE A/P NB/41	1
A/TMINETMPN-6	1
A/T MINE 54-02	1
A/T MINE M60	1
A/P MINE M-35	3
TOTAL	1137