
REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA



ARTICLE 7 REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012

To the Secretary General of the United Nations

On the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of
Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

Ministry of Defence

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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

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ALBANIA

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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".

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
No change. For most recent information please see Article 7 Report for year 2006.	

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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1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			Albania has completed the destruction of its APM stockpile since 4 April 2002.
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			No previously unknown APM stockpiles have been discovered.
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

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 mines¹

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
N/A				Albania completed clearance of all known anti-personnel mine contaminated areas in its territory by October 2009. For more details, please check Albania's Article 7 Report for the year 2009.

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
N/A				

¹ If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

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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 5"

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1a. *Compulsory*: Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A				Albania has decided not to retain any anti-personnel mines for training purposes.
TOTAL	-----			

1b. *Voluntary information (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)*

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
N/A		"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use"

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time.

Form D (continued)

2. Compulsory: 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
N/A				
TOTAL	-----			

3. Compulsory: 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
N/A				
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
N/A		

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."

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

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
Albania has completed the destruction of its stockpiled APMs since April 2002. For details refer to Article 7 Report for year 2002.	
	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	
N/A	
	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.
N/A			
TOTAL			

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
N/A		

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)^{*}

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
TOTAL			

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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			
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:
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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N/A

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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VICTIM ASSISTANCE

A Victim Assistance National plan in support to mine/UXO and ERW victims throughout Albania has been formulated and is in line with the international related treaties ratified by Albania, such as the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Cluster Munitions and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The implementation of the National Plan is aiming to contribute to the improvement of emergency and continuing medical care, physical rehabilitation and psychological support, socio-economic reintegration of survivors and data collection.

As such, the Victims' assistance activities continued to cover a wide range of support during 2012 to the mine/ERW survivors and other persons with disabilities in Albania including: ongoing healthcare, physical rehabilitation and provision of prostheses, and their socio-economic reintegration. These activities were monitored and coordinated by AMMCO and carried out in cooperation with various implementing partners including the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and Sciences, Kukës Regional Hospital, Directorates of Public Health in Kukes, UNDP, International Trust Fund (ITF) in Slovenia, University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia and the NGO "Albanian Association for Assistance Integration and Development" (ALB-AID).

Data and detailed statistics on the casualties from mines/UXOs ERW and cluster munitions throughout the country are available and disaggregated by age and gender. These data are recorded in IMSMA database and regularly shared with the relevant actors. A total of 972 mine/unexploded ordnance and AXO/explosive remnants of war (ERW) casualties (139 killed; 833 injured) have been identified throughout the territory between 1997 and 2012. The casualty database for Kukes region contains detailed information on 272 mine and ERW casualties (34 killed; 238 injured) for the period 1999-2005 while countrywide the AXO casualty database for 1997-2012 records 707 casualties (111 killed; 596 injured).

Medical and Physical rehabilitation services are available to men, women, boys and girls and are provided to the mine/UXO survivors and other amputees. The prosthetic workshop in Kukes Regional Hospital has provided with new prostheses 20 amputees

and repairs for at least 70 amputees during 2012. In addition, during this year about 500 people in need received physiotherapy services at the physiotherapy unit in former mine affected areas.

Positive steps have been made regarding the health services. New guidelines have been issued by the Health Insurance Institute for the general practitioners/family doctors at Primary Health Care. This contract arrangement provides the obligations for medical home visits and all other relevant assistance for people with disabilities. Priority was given to the extension of the list of medicines available which treat the severe illnesses.

In September 2012, the Ministry of Health in close cooperation with the University Rehabilitation Institute Slovenia organized in Kukes Regional Hospital a 4 days theoretical and practical training workshop on "Rehabilitation of people following amputation and provision with rehabilitation aids". Target groups for this training were 13 participants; surgeons, orthopedists, nurses, physiotherapists and prosthetic/orthotic technicians from several hospital departments in Albania. Funding from this training was made possible from the Slovenian Government.

In the area of the economic and social inclusion, during 2012 ALB-AID a new computer and literacy training program, for 20 mine/ERW survivors, persons with disabilities and their family members was implemented in the former mine affected areas by the local organization ALB-AID. This project was supported by the Vodafone Albania Foundation and is expected to be completed in June 2013.

Albania ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) on 15 November 2012, and now with support from UNDP Albania is undertaking a review of the disability-related legal and policy frameworks with the aim to assess their compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.