

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

Reporting Formats for Article 7¹

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Form D APMs retained or transferred (As adopted at the final plenary meeting on 02 December 2005)

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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]: BELGIUM reporting for time period from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
ARMED FORCES	Mine APers M35 Bg	3.041 EA		As of 31 December 2011
	Mine APers M35 Bg	2.569 EA		As of 31 December 2012
	Mine APers M35 Bg	2.564 EA		As of 31 December 2013
	Mine APers M35 Bg	2.564 EA	0023PRB61 (XBBG)	As of 31 December 2014
	Mine APers M35 Bg	2.288EA		As of 31 December 2015
	Mine APers M35 Bg	2.288 EA		As of 31 December 2016
	Mine APers M35 Bg	2.118 EA		As of 31 December 2017
Total		2.118 EA		

1. b. **Voluntary information:**

Objective	Activity/project	Supplementary information
Education and training of EOD specialists and deminers with live ammunition Training militaries in "Mine Risk Education"	The use of M35Bg mines takes place during different sessions of courses organized by the Belgian Armed Forces.	No training on the M35Bg was executed during the reporting period (no courses / priority for EOD community) due to operational engagements.

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
BELGIUM transferred anti-personnel mines in accordance with Art3(1)	Mine APers M35 Bg	89	0023PRB61	Trg for Engineer Bn

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
BELGIUM transferred anti-personnel mines in accordance with Art3(2)	Mine APers M35 Bg	81	0023PRB61	Destruction by EOD Personal

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: **BELGIUM** reporting for time period from **01 January 2017** to **31 December 2017**

Narrative / reference to other reports

1. Although from the stock retained under Article 3, no live mines were needed at this stage for research and development studies, some of those made use of in place live minefields inherited from previous internal state conflicts abroad.
2. Belgian contribution to international assistance in 2017

Country	Organisation	Action	Project	Amount disbursed in 2017
Palau	Cleared Ground Demining	Mine Clearance	Making the Republic of Palau AP Mine Free	148.330 €
Iraq	MAG	Mine Clearance	Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and returnees through the removal of explosive remnants of war clearance in Bashiqa sub-district, Ninewa, Iraq	250.000 €
Iraq	Handicap International	Mine Clearance	Improving Security and Stability and Enhancing the Resilience of Conflict-Affected Communities in Kirkuk Governorate through Comprehensive Mine Action Programming	150.000 €
Aghanistan	UNMAS	Mine clearance, capacity building	Technical Capacity Support to the Directorate of Mine Action Coordination Afghanistan (DMAC)	150.000 €
Myanmar	MAG	Mine Clearance	Reducing the risk from landmines and explosive remnants of war in Dawei, South East Myanmar	90.000 €

Total amount in 2017: 788.330 €

Belgium also contributed in 2017 to global programs of Handicap International and to the ICRC appeals.

3. Other assistance provided by Belgium in 2017

- From end 2016 until November 2017 Belgium co-chaired (with the People's Republic of China) the UN IEDD working group coordinated by UNMAS aiming at establishing UN Improvised Explosive Device Disposal Standards. The working group has produced a comprehensive technical document covering the whole cycle of IED disposal.
- In 2017 Belgium assisted OSCE with an assessment team in GEORGIA for the optimalization of their demilitarization plant.
- In 2017 Belgium assisted OSCE with an assessment team in UKRAINE for the development of an IEDD school for the Police Forces.

4. Research and Development:

Research and development activities are conducted as well at national as international level.

a. National level:

- The research project on the use of bio-sensors (rats) in humanitarian de-mining operations, funded by several donors in Belgium, and conducted by the NGO APOPO and the University of Antwerp (<http://www.apopo.org/>), is highlighting very promising solutions in the close-in detection of AP mines. Rats prove to be more effective than dogs in trials organized in Tanzania. This project, started in 1997, is still ongoing.

- The results of the PARADIS project (a Prototype for Assisting Rational Activities in Humanitarian De-mining Using Images from Satellites <http://www.sic.rma.ac.be/Projects/Paradis/>) that started in 1998 are still exploited by different end-users. This project was funded by the Belgian federal Office for scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs and the Belgian Ministry of Defense, and conducted by the Royal Military Academy (RMA) with the participation of the department of Geography (IGEAT) of the Free university of Brussels (ULB). This project has also been funded in a later stage by the Belgian Ministry of Defense.

b. International level:

-From 2012 to 2015 the Royal Military Academy, and more generally the Belgian Defense, had been engaged, in the 7th Framework Program (Security) of the European Commission, in the development of a comprehensive modular toolbox (TIRAMISU) for helping the clearing of larger areas affected by anti-personal landmines, cluster munitions, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and unexploded ordnance (UXO) and a related operational implementation of services, including standardization actions. The results of this project, mainly financed by Belgium, continue to be exploited by the International CBRNE Institute established in Les Bons Villers, Belgium.

