



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

ARTICLE 7 REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 2018

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**

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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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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)* ^{1*}

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 mines*

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				

* 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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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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1. VICTIM ASSISTANCE

There are at least 1003 UXO casualties (151 killed and 852 injured) all over Albania and the data are disaggregated by age and gender. The aiming to support the mine and UXO victims throughout Albania, complies with Disarmament International Treaties ratified by Albania, such as Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and Convention on Cluster Munitions Convention. The implementation of this plan is contributing to the emergency and continuing medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, socio -economic reintegration, data collection, relevant laws and policies for all mine/UXO victims throughout Albania.

Emergency and ongoing health care capacities are improving in Albania. Medical equipment's for former mine /UXO affected region are provided by donors and government. A Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) programme supported by donor and the government have developed a sustainable national response to the PMR needs of mine/UXO victims and other people in Albania. Around 35 students are enrolled at the state University of Medicine/ Faculty of Nursing, Physiotherapy branch and around the same number are graduated on yearly bases. This programme is fully integrated with State Faculty and supported by the government.

The rehabilitation unit is established at former mine affected region is supported with raw materials and equipments and upgraded to repair and produce prostheses. During 2018, at least at least 17 new prostheses and 22 major repairs are done to amputees in need at the Prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Regional Hospital and at 2,266 physiotherapy sessions are done to 165 patients. This prosthetic workshop is fully integrated within the structures of the government hospital. More staff is added in the structure of the physiotherapy unit in order to fulfill the needs of mine/UXO survivors and other people with disabilities.

Albania established for all health professionals the “National Center of Continuing Education (NCCE)” a public institution that functions as a technical agency of the Ministry of Health. The units of the center work together to plan, coordinate, monitor and evaluate continuing education activities of health professionals.

In terms of socio economic emporments, 120 mine/UXO survivors and their family members completed vocational training courses, supported by donors through the mine action programme. Recently, the government with support and technical assistance of donors opened vocational training schools in the country and young people are encouraged to register in these schools. The vocational training centers available almost in every region in Albania are designed to support also persons with disabilities, including mine/UXO survivors.

Survivors of mine/UXO, people with disabilities and NGOs involved in the disability issues, are active in organizing awareness activities on the rights of the people with disabilities. As usual, they are participating in these activities and make appeals to the representatives of the local government in order to receive more attention to mine/UXO survivors and other people with disabilities

Mine/UXO survivors and other persons with disabilities widely participate in meetings, round tables, seminars, other public events, etc, and lobbying for their rights, raising voices on their needs and problems they face in everyday life.

Regarding the physical barriers, since 2007 by law, new buildings, roads, sidewalks must be according to known standards for PwD. Also, old building, sidewalks etc are continuously being made accessible for Persons with Disabilities.

The government in recent years has increased the capacities including the financial resources and aims to do more to fulfill the needs of survivors and other people with disabilities. These requests also a distribute geographically especially the rehabilitation services. Albania needs support to further address the needs of Mine/UXO survivors and other persons with Disabilities and has already identified for 2019 the financial gaps in order to fulfill obligations under the disarmament conventions and the CRPD.

A “Needs Assessment of Social-Economic and Medical needs of marginalized Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) victims in Albania” supported by the Austrian and US Government has been completed. Below are the identified needs of survivors and/or their families.

Medical/Rehabilitation Needs

- 527 persons with amputations need to be fitted and periodic maintenance of their prosthesis, orthoses; this number includes below and upper limb prostheses, including partial foot and lose of fingers.
- 528 injured persons need to have regular medical checks.
- 610 persons need to attend physiotherapy sessions.
- 137 injured survivors should have periodic checks of their eyes from the specialists.
- 12 injured survivors should undergo operation for their vision.

Economic reintegration/income generation activities

- 583 survivors are in need of further economic support such as; employment opportunities, income generation activities and support with micro - loans for family home based businesses.
- 347 survivors wish to attend vocational training Courses.

Psycho-Social/Peer Support, Sport Activities

- 262 injured survivors should attend psycho-social sessions
- 32 injured survivors have special needs such as following: supplies with reading tools for blind persons (Braille), Sign language media(sound with brails), Somniferous books (special books with sound with brails)
- Almost all survivors want to participate in recreational activities and psychosocial support to overcome the trauma, including in the peer support programs.