



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

**THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA TO THE SWISS CONFEDERATION AND THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE, WTO AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN GENEVA**

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RE: ARTICLE 7 REPORTS FROM THE GAMBIA

The Embassy of the Republic of The Gambia to the Swiss Confederation and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Gambia to the United Nations Office, WTO and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the APLC Secretariat and Office for Disarmament and has the honour to submit as attached, the Article 7 Reports from The Gambia.

The Embassy of the Republic of The Gambia to the Swiss Confederation and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Gambia to the United Nations Office, WTO and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the APLC Secretariat and Office for Disarmament the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely

**B. CAMARA (Mrs.)
For: Ambassador**



THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

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ARTICLE 7 REPORTS FROM THE GAMBIA

Dear Excellency,

The Republic of The Gambia is proud to be a State Party to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention has a foundation in transparency and mutual accountability. The Republic of The Gambia believes that these founding and guiding principles remain a vital to full and complete implementation of our Convention. The Republic of The Gambia therefore wishes to update States Parties in line with Article 7 of the Convention.

During the course of 2019, The Republic of The Gambia became aware of a previously unknown stockpile of 3000 VS 50 AP anti-personnel landmines in areas under its jurisdiction and control. The Republic of The Gambia was, until this point, unaware of the fact of this stockpile. We acknowledge that this generates a renewed obligation under Article 4 of the Convention and a similar obligation to report this to States Parties in a spirit of transparency and mutual accountability under Article 7.

It is in that spirit we present this update in line with our obligations. The disposal of anti-personnel landmines is underway in line with the requirements of The Convention and in line with the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS). We are grateful for the support of The German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and hope to complete destruction in a timely manner.

We will provide further updates to States Parties in line with national reporting practice.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

A.B. Bah
For: Permanent Secretary

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NAME OF STATE PARTY: Republic of The Gambia

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2019 to 22 November 2019

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<p>Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:</p> <p>X changed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form G: APM destroyed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> changed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form C: Location of mined areas:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> changed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form H: Technical characteristics:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> changed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form D: APMs retained or transferred:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> changed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form I: Warning measures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> changed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
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