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Dear Excellency,

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

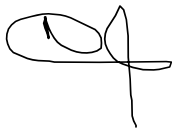
The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention has a foundation in transparency and mutual accountability. The Republic of The Gambia believes that these founding and guiding principles remain a vital to full and complete implementation of our Convention. The Republic of The Gambia therefore wishes to update 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 T72/A-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. We are pleased to confirm that this previously unknown stockpile will not be used, and that it will be dealt with in full compliance with The Gambia's obligations under The Convention.

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

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



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