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South Africa's Article 7 report on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

In accordance with its obligations in terms of Article 7 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, South Africa hereby submits to the APLC Secretariat its report on the implementation of the Convention for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

South Africa's Department of Defence and the South African Police Service continue to retain a limited number of anti-personnel mines, as permitted under Article 3 of the Convention, for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques.

Holdings of the Department of Defence:

As mentioned in South Africa's last report for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013, the Department of Defence had at the time retained 500 anti-personnel mines. Stock levels as at 31 December 2020 stood at 483. Thus, during the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2019, seventeen (17) mines were disposed of as permitted under Article 3 of the Convention.

These mines continue to be held on behalf of the Department of Defence by the Defence, Peace, Safety and Security division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and

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the stock is audited by JAUME Electronic Support and Consultation CC.

The following table contains a breakdown of the stocks held by the Department of Defence:

Mine Type	Quantity	Additional Comments
Mine Anti-Personnel: HE-M2A4	483	None

Holdings of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

A limited number of 62 mines are held by SAPS in terms of the exceptions permitted under Article 3 of the Convention. Minor fluctuations from South Africa's previous report for 2013 are as a result some were disposed of during development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques. A very limited number of recoveries were made during joint security operations with neighbouring mine-affected countries.

The following table contains a breakdown of the stocks held by the SAPS:

Mine Type	Quantity	Additional Comments
GYATA 64	1	None
J-69/RSA NO 69	2	None
M12 A1	1	None
MAPS/M411	1	Previously listed as PRB/M411
MI AP DV 59 (Inkstand)	1	Previously listed as RSA INKPOT
OZM-4	4	Two disposed of
OZM-72	6	Two recovered
PMA 2	5	One disposed of
PMN	1	One disposed of
PPM-2	4	One disposed of
PP-Mi-SR	6	Two disposed of
PRB M409/M969	1	None
PROM-1	4	None
R2M1	4	Three disposed of
RSA MS 803 (or similar)	1	None
SHRAPNEL NO 2	3	Four disposed of
TYPE 69	7	Two disposed of
TYPE 72	3	None
VALSELLA VS-50	1	None
VALSELLA VS-MK2	6	None

TOTAL	62
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The Secretary for Defence has approved the consolidated inputs of South Africa and communicated these to the Director-General of South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation for onward transmission to the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs.

South Africa's Department of Defence is currently compiling the report for the calendar year 2021, which will be submitted to the APLC Secretariat in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR Wensley', written in a cursive style.

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