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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations and the other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction and has the honour to submit herewith attached the Annual Reporting Formats for Article 7 of the Convention, covering data for 2022.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction the assurances of its highest consideration.

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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".

State [Party]: **REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA** reporting for time period from **01.01.2022** to **31.12.2022**

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<p>A Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Ottawa Treaty)</p>	<p>The Ottawa Treaty was ratified by the Bulgarian National Assembly on 4 September 1998.</p> <p>On 24 November 2015 the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria adopted a Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Ottawa Treaty). The Law entered into force on 8 December 2015. It prohibits any activities with cluster munitions and antipersonnel mines on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, except those permitted by the Conventions. The Law establishes legal definitions about Anti-personnel land mines (APLM), transfer and other key terms as well as regulates the conditions and procedures for transfer, transportation and destruction of APLMs and the control over these activities. For the first time the Bulgarian legislation incorporates principles and rules of international humanitarian law and ensures full realization of the rights of all APLMs victims. The Law provides for assistance to APLMs victims, including medical care, rehabilitation, as well as social and economic inclusion. The assistance includes not only the victims, but also their close relatives.</p> <p>In June 2016, Republic of Bulgaria also amended Articles 337–339 of its Penal Code to establish penal sanctions for violating the prohibitions in the new implementation law on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Ottawa Treaty).</p> <p>The Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction was last amended in December 2019.</p>

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
			All existing stockpiled APMs on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria have been destroyed by 30 December 2000 (with the exception of APMs retained in accordance with art.3, as specified in Form D).
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
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
		NONE		

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
		NONE		

* 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:**

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible) a/b/c - d	Supplementary information
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	PM-79	225	1/46/87 - 225	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	PMN	44	24/46/67 - 44	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	OZM-3	78	15/10/63 - 78	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	PSM-1	1956	13/10/81 - 78 18/10/81 - 942 19/10/81 - 702 30/10/81 - 234	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	SHr-II	78	004/58/73 - 66 25/58/75 - 12	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	MON-50	862	08/46/86 - 23 10/46/86 - 88 11/46/86 - 751	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	MON-100	27	63/B25/75 - 27	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible) a/b/c - d	Supplementary information
	MON-200	34	87/B25/71 - 34	Stockpiled in Zmeyevo range
	PFM – 1C	0	2/912/89 - 0	Destroyed for the purpose of training in 2022
TOTAL	-----	3304		

b) Retained for development of and training in **National Military University “Vasil Levski” – Veliko Tarnovo** (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible) a/b/c - d	Supplementary information:
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	PM-79	17	1/46/87 - 17	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	PMN	8	24/46/67 - 8	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	OZM-3	11	15/10/63 - 11	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	PSM-1	8	18/10/81 - 8	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	SHr-II	11	004/58/73 - 11	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	MON-50	4	11/46/86 - 4	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	MON-100	6	63/B25/75 - 6	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)
	MON-200	6	87/B25/71 - 6	Stockpiled in the National Military University “Vasil Levski”(Veliko Tarnovo)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible) a/b/c - d	Supplementary information:
TOTAL	-----	71		

c) Retained and transferred for development of and training in **Bulgarian Land Forces, 2 mechanized brigade – Stara Zagora** (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible) a/b/c - d	Supplementary information:
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	MON-50	8	11/46/86 - 8	Stockpiled in the 2 mechanized brigade
TOTAL	-----	8		

d) Retained for research and development purposes of **the Bulgarian Academy of Science**

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible) a/b/c - d	Supplementary information:
BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE	MON-50	52	08/46/86 - 24 11/46/86 - 28	
	MON-100	5	63/B25/75 – 5	
	MON-200	5	87/B25/71 - 5	
TOTAL	-----	62		

Note 1: a/b/c – d : a – lot; b-factory; c- year of producing; d-quantity.

Note 2: The total number of APMs possessed by Bulgarian MoD development of and training is **3 383**.

Note 3: The total number of APMs possessed by the Bulgarian Academy of Science for research and development purposes is **62**.

1b. Voluntary information (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information (Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)
		“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

2. 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
VIDEX JSC	M16	0		9 APMs (4 M16 and 5 deformed M16) remained after the repatriation of the APMs owned by the Hellenic Republic (2018), were successfully destroyed in May-June 2022 by ELOVITSA 1895 JSC
	M16 deformed	0		
TOTAL		0		

Note 1: In May 2022, in compliance with the national legislation, ELOVITZA 1895 JSC obtained permission from the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Interior to destroy 9 (nine) APMs (4 M16 and 5 deformed M16) that remained in Bulgaria after repatriation of the APMs owned by the Hellenic Republic back in 2018. The destruction process was successfully completed on June 10, 2022.

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
DECOMMISSION	COMPLETED	All lines of APMs production in DUNARIT – Russe are permanently decommissioned

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:	
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Location of destruction sites	Details of:
NOT APPLICABLE	

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	
NOT APPLICABLE	

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
PFM – 1C	2	2/912/89 - 2	Destroyed for the purpose of training in 2022

PM-79	1	1/46/87 - 1	Destroyed for the purpose of training in 2022
PMN	3	24/46/67 - 3	Destroyed for the purpose of training in 2022
PSM-1	1	18/10/81 – 1	Destroyed for the purpose of training in 2022
MON-50	3	11/46/86 – 3	Destroyed for the purpose of training in 2022
TOTAL	10		

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information	
NOT APPLICABLE			
TOTAL			

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
NOT APPLICABLE			
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			

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			
PM-79	H= 50 mm D= 88 mm	-cap detonator	trotyl	70	-		
PMN	H=53 mm D=110 mm	Flame cartridge MD9	trotyl	200	-		

OZM-3	H= 130 mm D= 76 mm	-cap detonator № 8 -electric fuse light -cap fuse light MUV-2	trotyl gunpowder	75 6	Cast iron		
PSM-1	H= 135 mm D=74,6 mm	EVU MUV-2M MVN-2M firework	hexogen gunpowder	165 5,5	Zinc alloy		
SHr-II	H= 152 mm D= 101 mm	-cap detonator MUV-2M MVN-2M	Trotyl powder	325	Steel		
MON-50	L= 226 mm W= 66 mm H= 155 mm	MUV-2 electrical fuse	plastit-4	700	Steel		
MON-100	D= 236 mm H= 82,5 mm	EDP-r (electric detonator)	trotyl	2000	Steel		
MON-200	D=434 mm H= 130 mm	EDP-r	trotyl	12 000	Steel		

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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[Narrative:] Bulgaria is not an affected country concerning this article.

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]: REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA reporting for time period from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]