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## **N o t e   V e r b a l e**

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and has the honour to forward the Austrian report in accordance with Article 7 of the Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention for the year 2023.

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 19 November 2024



**To the  
Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention  
Implementation Support Unit (ISU)  
Geneva International Centre for Humanitar-  
ian Demining  
Geneva**

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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**

STATE [PARTY]:

**REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**

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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]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<b>Already prior to the entry into force of the Convention, the Austrian Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines came into effect. Art. 2 of the said bill prohibits the production, acquisition, sale, procurement, import, export, transit, use and possession of anti-personnel mines. According to Art. 4, the Federal Ministry of the Interior shall destroy existing stockpiles of anti-personnel mines within one month after the law's entry into force. The bill further imposes a penalty on whoever, even by negligence, contravenes the prohibitions of Art. 2 of the bill. Thus, the bill fully implements all prohibitions of the Convention.</b>	<b>The Convention entered into force for Austria as of 1 March 1999 (BGBl (Federal Law Gazette) III Nr. 39/1999). The Austrian Federal Law came into effect as of 1 January 1997 (BGBl I Nr. 13/1997).</b>

**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."

State [Party]:   AUSTRIA   reporting for time period from   01 01 2023   to   31 12 2023  

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		<b>The destruction of all anti-personnel mines belonging to the Austrian Armed Forces was completed in 1996.</b>
-	-		
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."

State [Party]:   **AUSTRIA**   reporting for time period from   **01 01 2023**   to   **31 12 2023**  

1. Areas that contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>The territory of Austria does not contain any mined areas.</b>				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>No areas in Austria are suspected to contain anti-personnel mines.</b>				

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\* 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"

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

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
<b>Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence; Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior</b>	-	-		<b>While Art. 3 of the Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines authorises the retention of APMs for training purposes, neither ministry has retained APMs during the reporting period.</b>
	-	-		
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			

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>
		“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
<b>As above</b>	-	-		-
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
<b>As above</b>	-	-		
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
-	-	<b>No facilities had to be converted</b>



**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."

State [Party]:   AUSTRIA   reporting for time period from   01 01 2023   to   31 12 2023  

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<b>No destruction during reporting period as the destruction of all APMs in the possession of Austria was completed prior to the entry into force of the Convention on the basis of the Austrian Federal Law on Anti-Personnel Mines.</b>	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	
<b>No destruction during reporting period.</b>	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"

State [Party]:   AUSTRIA   reporting for time period from   01 01 2023   to   31 12 2023  

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		<b>No destruction during reporting period.</b>
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
-	-	<b>No destruction during reporting period.</b>
-	-	
TOTAL	-	

**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
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-	-		
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"

State [Party]:   **AUSTRIA**   reporting for time period from   **01 01 2023**   to   **31 12 2023**  

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			
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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".

State [Party]:   AUSTRIA   reporting for time period from   01 01 2023   to   31 12 2023  

[Narrative:]

**As stated above, there are no mines-contaminated areas in Austria.**

**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]:   AUSTRIA   reporting for time period from   01 01 2023   to   31 12 2023  

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

**Austria provides assistance to mine action through bilateral and multilateral programmes and supports mine action activities of the European Union.**

**In 2023, Austria provided support in the amount of € 17.500,- to the Implementation Support Unit of the Mine Ban Convention, € 10.000 to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munitions Coalition (ICBL-CMC) in support of the Landmine/Cluster Munitions Monitor Report for 2023 as well as € 10.000 to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munitions Coalition (ICBL-CMC) in support of capacity-building projects for representatives of mine survivors in countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nepal, Senegal and Uganda.**

**In 2023, Austria supported the project „Mine Detection Dogs Program for ANAMA” with € 14.000. Furthermore, Austria supported the project “Psychosocial rehabilitations for children, victims of conflict in Armenia” with € 14.000. Both projects were implemented by ITF Enhancing Human Security.**

**Regarding mine action in Ukraine, Austria supported the project “Assistance for mine victims and information campaigns” with € 3.000.000 which was implemented by the ICRC. Additionally, Austria supported a demining project by WFP and FAO with € 4.000.000.**

**Austria has continued to provide mine/UXO clearance teams during this reporting period in the framework of EUFOR ALTHEA and KFOR. Training programmes on mines and UXO’s are implemented for all units conducting collective training as well as for all units during pre-deployment training for operations in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR ALTHEA) and Kosovo (KFOR).**

**Within the framework of the EU, Austria contributes to the financing of an Assistance Measure under the European Peace Facility aimed at enhancing and upgrading the capabilities of the Demining Battalion of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the provision of adequate equipment (2023-2025 overall financial contribution € 10 Mio. by EU, whereby the AT share is of approximately € 279.000).**