



Article 7 Report - 1 January to 31 December 2024

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Annual Article 7 Reporting

Welcome to the online reporting platform,

- The online reporting platform has been established to support your reporting efforts in accordance with the Guide to Reporting.
- In accordance with Article 7, your report is required to be submitted to the depository of the Convention by **30 April** each year.
- Please fill out your contact information first and then proceed to the summary report. For every section of the summary report, please indicate if the information is "changed", "unchanged" or "not applicable". Once you have filled out the summary report, you will only be allowed to fill out forms where you indicated that information has "changed" in the summary report.
- For guidance on reporting, please refer to the Guide to Reporting available under 'My Reports'.
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- Should you encounter any difficulty while using the online reporting platform, please contact the ISU at isu@apminebanconvention.org



Contact information

Please fill out your contact information (mandatory).

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Reporting Period

1 January - 31 December 2024

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Summary report

For every section of the summary report, please indicate if the information is "changed", "unchanged" or "not applicable".

The option to fill out the detailed form(s) will only be available for the section(s) where you have indicated information has "changed". If an indication is made in the summary report that the information to be provided with respect to a particular form is "unchanged" in relationship to a previous year's form, the date of submission of the previous form should be clearly indicated. The option to fill out the detailed form will not appear.

The summary report can be used as a substitute for submitting the detailed report only if all of the information to be provided in the annual report is the same as in past reports.

A. National implementation measures:

- changed
- unchanged

Last reporting year:

B. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

C. Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

D. Areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

E. Mine risk education and reduction efforts

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

F. Technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

G. Conversion or decommissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

H. Victim assistance:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

I. Cooperation and assistance:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

J. Other relevant matters:

- changed
- unchanged
- non applicable

Add any additional information

Attachments (eg. Note Verbale)

No attachment.



I. Cooperation and assistance

1. Cooperation

Insert information on cooperation (e.g. cooperation and assistance provided by your State, requirements for cooperation and assistance and cooperation received (e.g. financial, technical advice, exchange of experiences, etc.) and partnerships for completion forged.

Since 1999, Estonia has annually contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance. Estonia has increased its contributions to efforts in humanitarian demining over the past years and continues to do so. This includes financial support to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), as well as clean-up of various explosive remnants of war and mine-clearance activities under bilateral and international humanitarian projects.

Estonia has contributed to UNMAS since 2011. Over the time period of 2011-2024, our contribution amounts to 220 000 USD in total. In 2024, Estonia contributed to UNMAS for mine action activities in the amount of 10 000 USD.

Furthermore, in 2024 Estonia joined the de-mining coalition under the Ukraine Defence Contact Group format.

2. Efforts to strengthen national coordination

Insert information on efforts undertaken by your State to strengthen national coordination including by ensuring regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders on progress, challenges and support for implementation of your State's obligations under the Convention including through, where relevant, the establishment of an appropriate national platform for regular dialogue among all stakeholders.

3. Efforts to integrate mine action activities

If your State is a beneficiary of assistance, insert information on efforts to integrate mine action activities into other frameworks (e.g. humanitarian response plans, strategies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities) and the financial commitment of your State to implementation.

4. Gender and diversity

If your State is a provider of assistance, insert information on how the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men, including mine survivors and affected communities, is considered in the provision of cooperation and assistance.

5. Efforts to develop and promote cooperation

Insert information on efforts undertaken to develop and promote bilateral, regional and international cooperation and sharing of best practices.

J. Other relevant matters

Other relevant matters

Insert information on any other relevant matters concerning implementation.

The defence minister of Estonia recommended Estonia's withdrawal from the Ottawa convention in mid-March of 2025, in solidarity with the defence ministers of Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland. This decision was taken as the security environment in the eastern Baltic Sea region has fundamentally changed and continues to deteriorate. The Russian Federation is flagrantly violating its international obligations, waging a war of aggression to achieve its imperialist goals, and has withdrawn from or is blatantly violating international norms and agreements

Our intentions reflect the gravity of the current security situation and show that some urgent conclusions have been drawn. Estonia considers it reasonable that countries bordering Russia and Belarus discuss and take appropriate steps jointly and in a coordinated manner. This would send a clear message: our countries are ready and able to use all necessary measures to protect our territory and freedom.

In Estonia, decisions regarding the actual weapons systems to be adopted are based on the military advice by the Commander of the Defence Forces (CHOD). The current military assessment of the CHOD does not foresee the need for the Defence Forces to acquire and use anti-personnel mines in the near future, however, it cannot be ruled out that respective needs and military assessment may change over time. Estonia deeply respects international law and wishes to prevent a situation where, in case of an acute threat of war, we would no longer be able to legally withdraw from treaty obligations, complying with all terms and conditions set in the Convention.

The Ministry of Defence and of Foreign Affairs of Estonia assure that Estonia remains firmly committed to the protection of civilians in armed conflict and other core principles of international humanitarian law. The eventual change in our relationship with the APMBC would not affect Estonia's overall commitment to respecting and protecting these rules and principles, and we will continue to uphold them while addressing our security needs. We intend to continue funding mine assistance, engage in demining and mitigating mine damage. Let me also note that in addition to the APMBC, the acquisition and use of anti-personnel mines are regulated by other international norms and agreements, to which Estonia remains a party.

Attachments

Attach relevant documents. (e.g. photos)

No attachment.