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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 of the Convention

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

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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The New Zealand Defence Force holds a very limited quantity of inert and practice mines, used solely in the training of personnel in Mine Clearance Operations.

## Form I: Cooperation and assistance

### Direct Assistance

**International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) Level 1 training (12 March – 14 April).** In March 2024, the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in partnership with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade delivered an IMAS Level 1 course to police officers from the Kiribati Police Service (KPS). This internationally recognised qualification equips KPS personnel with the skills to locate, expose and destroy single items of unexploded ordnance (UXO) under supervision of an IMAS Level 2 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Operator. A further IMAS course is planned for 2025 to qualify three KPS officers to IMAS Level 2.

**ERW Reconnaissance – KIRIBATI (28 April – 07 May).** In April 2024 NZDF personnel conducted a reconnaissance activity in Kiribati to conduct deliberate planning for a future ERW disposal activity. The reconnaissance included confirmation and recommendations on security measures to prevent public access to the UXO storage facility, continuation training for KPS EOD officers, and identification of a buried ammunition dump close to critical infrastructure and within 100 metres of a new New Zealand funded hospital location.

**Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) Disposal – NAURU (04 May – 05 June).** In May 2024 NZDF Personnel supported an Australian Defence Force (ADF) Operation to assist the Government of Nauru in the clearance of ERW and UXO. The NZDF contingent disposed of 18 UXOs and 150 kilograms of commercial explosives. In addition, the NZDF contingent assisted with several community engagement activities and assisted in the construction of an Explosive Storage Area (ESA) to allow for safe storage of future UXO.

**Emergency Assistance – KIRIBATI (21 – 26 Jul).** In July 2024 NZDF responded to an urgent request from the Government of Kiribati in relation to an item of UXO which had been discovered at the site of the Betio pipeline construction. The item of UXO was preventing further construction work and was unable to be identified and therefore could not be dealt with by the KPS EOD officers. NZDF deployed two EOD operators to Kiribati who were able to identify the UXO as a Japanese Type 99 No3 Practice Bomb. The item was declared safe to move and was relocated to the UXO storage facility for subsequent disposal, thereby allowing construction work to continue.

**ERW Disposal – SOLOMON ISLANDS (15 Aug – 23 Sept).** In August 2024 NZDF Personnel supported an ADF-led multinational Operation to assist the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) in the clearance of ERW and UXO. In addition to the disposal of ERW and UXO, the New Zealand contingent undertook engagement with RSIPF and local community leaders and conducted scoping and planning activities for future iterations of ERW clearance.

### International Funding

**UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS).** In 2024, New Zealand made a non-earmarked core contribution of NZ\$1.5 million (equivalent of US\$840,000) to UNMAS' Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF), to support UNMAS' coordination and implementation of efforts to mitigate the risks posed by explosive hazards through de-mining, risk education and advocacy.

**Assistance to the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre.** New Zealand is providing technical assistance for a two-and-a-half-year period (2022-2024) to the ASEAN Regional Mine Action

Centre (ARMAC) to support the delivery of their mandate to build regional capacity to coordinate mine action and implement mine action standards. The total value of this support is NZ\$1 million. In 2024 the Training Development Adviser continued to provide support to ARMAC to implement the ARMAC strategy and provide the technical HMA knowledge required for ARMAC to participate substantively in the training and professional development events. The funding associated with this assistance in 2024 was NZ\$147,505.

**Assistance in Lao PDR.** New Zealand is supporting the clearance of UXO and cluster munitions from rural land to ensure safe use of UXO-contaminated land in Lao PDR's Xieng Khouang Province for socio-economic, humanitarian and disaster risk reduction purposes. The 10-year (2017-2026) package of support consists of NZ\$29.1 million in funding for:

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Lao Trust Fund to clear UXO contaminated land in Xieng Khouang Province; and
- New Zealand technical assistance to support the capacity of UXO Lao (Lao PDR's national clearance operator) by delivering training and providing monitoring and quality assurance.

Funding delivered in 2024 for this work was NZ\$278,260.

**Assistance in Myanmar.** New Zealand has committed NZ\$13.5 million from 2024-2029 to support explosive ordnance risk education, victim assistance and land survey in Myanmar. New Zealand works through a number of partners to implement this support, including the UNOCHA administered Myanmar Humanitarian Fund. Funding delivered in 2024 was NZ\$3.3 million across these partners.

**Assistance in Cambodia.** In 2024, New Zealand contributed NZ\$2.5 million (part of the NZ\$11 million contribution over six years (2020-2025)) to the UNDP's multi-donor funded 'Clearing for Results: Mine Action for Human Development Project' in Cambodia. By the end of this funding period, at least 56 km<sup>2</sup> of mine-affected land across three provinces will be rendered safe and released for productive purposes. This funding also contributes to strategic and technical advisory support for the Cambodia Mine Action Authority.

**Assistance in Colombia.** New Zealand has supported humanitarian demining operations in Colombia since 2017 through a partnership with The HALO Trust. In 2024 a grant of NZ\$1.5 million was made to HALO Trust with a view to ceasing support by April 2026. The aim of this support is to increase the economic and social resilience of communities in Colombia by reducing the impacts of antipersonnel landmines and explosive remnants of war.

**Assistance in Iraq.** In December 2024, New Zealand contributed NZ\$830,000 (US\$465,000) towards UNMAS' Iraq programme for 2025. This is New Zealand's fifth and final payment towards the UNMAS Iraq programme.

**Assistance in Palestine.** In 2024, New Zealand broadened the scope of previous contributions towards UNMAS' activity: Capacity Enhancement of the Palestinian National Authority to Deliver Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) in the West Bank. The funding will now contribute to mine action in both the West Bank and Gaza (US\$449,676 was paid towards this activity in December 2023 for use in 2024).

**Funding for ICBL-CMC.** In 2024 New Zealand made a grant funding contribution of NZ\$45,000 to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines – Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC). The objective of the funding was to support ICBL-CMC's advocacy efforts in the lead up to and during the Fifth Review Conference of the APMB.