



**SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT**

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Dear Sir,

**RE: SOLOMON ISLANDS ARTICLE 7 REPORT ON THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILE; PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION.**

I have the honour to submit to your office the above cited report for onward transmission to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and have the further honour to urge that you ensure it reaches it's esteemed destination.

The inordinate delay is very much regreted and by the submission of the report today reaffirm our commitement towards our reporting obligations and to endeavor to do so on timely basis.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to to your good office the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ronald Unusi  
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For Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF  
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

**Reporting Formats for Article 7**

*The State Party is free to add tables and forms  
(In the future, for annual updates, quote Article 7, paragraph 2 and 3)*

STATE PARTY:

Solomon Islands

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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]: Solomon Islands      reporting for time period from      1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.

There are pieces of legislation within several Acts that implement the Ottawa Treaty. Eg the RSIP Act and the Act dealing with Explosive Disposal. A quick legislative survey will be done to ascertain the extent to which the treaty is covered under existing laws. This should also form a basis to determine whether an entirely new and stand alone legislation will be necessary. This can be concluded within a month after consultations with relevant state agencies, eg Attorney, Generals Chambers, RSIP force Commissioner, and local representatives of the ICRC and NGOs.

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]: Solomon Islands      reporting for time period from      1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.

No stockpiled mines.

**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]: **Solomon Islands**      reporting for time period from      **1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.**

**No mined areas and no suspected mined areas.**

**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]: **Solomon Islands**      reporting for time period from      **1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.**

**No anti-personnel mine retained or transferred for the development of techniques or for training purposes, or for the purpose of destruction.**

**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."

State [Party]: Solomon Islands reporting for time period from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.

Conversion / decommissioning programmes not necessary.

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]: Solomon Islands reporting for time period from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.

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"

State [Party]: Solomon Islands reporting for time period from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.

Not applicable.

**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]: **Solomon Islands**      reporting for time period from      **1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.**

**Not applicable.**

**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]: **Solomon Islands**      reporting for time period from      **1 July 1999 to 31 December 2003.**

Not applicable.

**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]: **Solomon Islands** reporting for time period from **1 July 1999** to **31 December 2003**.

Not applicable.