



BACKGROUND DOCUMENT #1

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES RETAINING AND TRANSFERRING ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3

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Background:

The *Nairobi Action Plan* notes that “transparency and the open exchange of information have been essential pillars on which the Convention’s practices, procedures and tradition of partnership have been built,” and, that “the States Parties recognize that transparency and effective information exchange will be equally crucial to fulfilling their obligations during the period 2005-2009.” To this end, the States Parties agreed to a number of actions, including Action #54, which states that “all States Parties will (...) in situations where States Parties have retained mines in accordance with the exceptions in Article 3, provide 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.” In addition, the transfer of anti-personnel mines for the same above mentioned reasons and for the purpose of destruction are also permitted under Article 3.

Questions:

States Parties retaining mines for permitted purposes may wish to make use of Form D of the Article 7 reporting format (attached) to volunteer additional information in the context of Action #54. In addition, States Parties may wish to make presentations to the Standing Committee on mines retained and/or transferred in accordance with Article 3, responding to questions such as the following:

1. What are the reasons for changes / no changes in quantity and types of mines retained by your State since the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties?
2. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
 - a. the mine detection, clearance or destruction techniques that have been / are being developed?
 - b. the mine detection, clearance or destruction training that has been carried out?
 - c. the number of personnel trained and to what standard?
3. What are your State’s plans for the further development of mine detection, clearance or detection techniques and further training which would result in the use of mines retained under Article 3?
4. How many mines has your State transferred in the past? What are the reasons for the transfer to/from your State? What are your State’s plans for the future transfer of mines under Article 3?

Article 7 Report Format – Form D: AP mines retained and 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 _____ reporting for time _____ to _____
[Party]: _____ period from _____ to _____

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
TOTAL	----- -----			

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
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
TOTAL	----- -----			