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Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

RE: Reporting on progress in implementation under Article 7 of the Convention

Your Excellency, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties (21MSP) of the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction* (hereafter referred to as "the Convention") and Chair of the Convention's Committee on Cooperative Compliance concerning your State's annual transparency report.

Your State is one of the 164 States Parties that has adhered to the Convention and according to Article 7 paragraph 2, your State is required to submit, **no later than 30 April each year**, a transparency report covering the last calendar year and containing updated information on measures taken to implement the Convention. The submission of an Article 7 Report is an essential mechanism to ensure compliance with obligations of the Convention and also allows the Convention's Committees to keep track of implementation.

In order to facilitate your State's efforts to report in a timely manner, a number of tools have been made available including a voluntary **online reporting format** which can be employed by your State in preparation of its report (<u>https://reporting.apminebanconvention.org/</u>). In order to receive a password and prepare your report online, we would ask that you contact the Convention's Implementation Support Unit (ISU) following the attached instructions (Annex III).

For States which have not reported any obligations under the Convention, other than its obligations under Article 7, the attached short format can be used to facilitate your annual reporting (Annex IV). This can also be done by employing the online tool highlighted above.

Finally, attached please find an invitation and concept note to an **online workshop on Article 7** which will take place on **9 March 2023**. This event is organised for States Parties to provide information and raise awareness of the tools and support available for the fulfilment of your State's reporting obligations.

During the event, you will also be given the opportunity to share any challenges you may face in relation to reporting.

Should you have any questions about Article 7 reporting, please feel free to contact the ISU directly at <u>isu@apminebanconvention.org</u>. Finally, please note that reports submitted in accordance with Article 7 should be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in care of the following address:

APMBC Article 7 Officer United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland Email: <u>aplc@un.org</u> cc'ing <u>isu@apminebanconvention.org</u>

Sincerely,

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Annex I: 116 States Parties which reported having obligations (Articles 3,4, 5 and/or 9) under the Convention

State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted	State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted	State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted	State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted	State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted
Afghanistan	2021	Colombia	2022	Guinea	2004	Oman	2021	Thailand	2022
Albania	2022	Comoros	2004	Guinea Bissau	2022	Palau	2018	Тодо	2003
Algeria	2022	Congo (Brazzaville)	2009	Guyana	2021	Peru	2022	Tunisia	2022
Angola	2022	Côte d' Ivoire	2014	Haiti	2009	Romania	2021	Türkiye	2022
Antigua and	2000	Croatia	2022	Honduras	2007	Rwanda	2008	Turkmenistan	2010
Barbuda		Cyprus	2022	Indonesia	2020	Saint Lucia	2004	Tuvalu	Never
Argentina	2022	Czech Republic	2022	Iraq	2022	San Marino	2022	Uganda	2012
Bahamas	2009	DRC	2022	Ireland	2022	Sao Tome &	2008	Ukraine	2021
Bangladesh	2022	Denmark	2022	Italy	2022	Principe		Uruguay	2022
Barbados	2003	Djibouti	2005	Jamaica	2007	Senegal	2022	Vanuatu	2008
Belarus	2022	Dominica	2008	Japan	2022	Serbia	2022	Venezuela	2012
Belgium	2022	Dominican	2009	Jordan	2022	Sierra Leone	2004	Yemen	2022
Benin	2008	Republic		Kenya	2021	Slovakia	2022	Zambia	2022
Bhutan	2022	Ecuador	2022	Liberia	2014	Slovenia	2022	Zimbabwe	2022
Bolivia	2019	El Salvador	2022	Madagascar	2011	Solomon Islands	2018		
Bosnia &	2021	Equatorial Guinea	2014	Malawi	2010	Somalia	2020		
Herzegovina		Eritrea	2014	Maldives	2006	South Africa	2022		
Botswana	2022	Eswatini	2013	Mali	2005	South Sudan	2022		
Brunei Darussalam	2022	Ethiopia	2022	Mauritania	2022	Spain	2022		
Bulgaria	2021	Finland	2022	Mozambique	2022	Sri Lanka	2022		
Burundi	2021	France	2022	Namibia	2010	State of Palestine	2020		
Cambodia	2022	Gabon	2002	Nauru	2004	Sudan	2022		
Cameroon	2009	Gambia	2020	Netherlands	2022	Suriname	2021		
Canada	2022	Germany	2022	Nicaragua	2022	Sweden	2022		
Cape Verde	2009	Ghana	2016	Niger	2022	Tajikistan	2022		
Chad	2022	Greece	2022	Nigeria	2012	Tanzania, United	2009		
Chile	2022	Grenada	2004			Republic of			

Annex II: 48 States Parties which reported that they have no obligations under Art.3, 4, 5 and/or 9 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted
Andorra	2022
Australia	2023
Austria	2022
Belize	2012
Brazil	2021
Burkina Faso	2021
Central African Republic	2004
Cook Islands	2019
Costa Rica	2022
Estonia	2022
Fiji	2003
Guatemala	2022
Holy See	2022
Hungary	2022
Iceland	2013
Kiribati	2004
Kuwait	2010
Latvia	2022
Lesotho	2011
Liechtenstein	2022
Lithuania	2022
Luxembourg	2021
Malaysia	2022
Malta	2022
Mauritius	2022
Mexico	2022
Moldova	2022
Monaco	2022
Montenegro	2022
New Zealand	2022
Niue	2007
North Macedonia	2018
Norway	2022
Panama	2020
Papua New Guinea	2004
Paraguay	2020

State Party	Most recent Article 7 report submitted
Philippines	2020
Poland	2022
Portugal	2021
Qatar	2022
St Kitts & Nevis	2016
St Vincent & the Grenadines	2004
Samoa	2018
Seychelles	2005
Switzerland	2022
Timor-Leste	2004
Trinidad and Tobago	2012
United Kingdom	2022

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Annex III: Online Reporting Tool for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

What is the Online Reporting Tool?

- In accordance with Article 7, States Parties' reports are required to be submitted to the depository of the Convention by 30 April each year. The Online Reporting Tool has been designed to facilitate and standardize reporting and to support States Parties' reporting efforts in accordance with the Guide to Reporting. The Online Reporting Tool is currently available only in English.
- The Online Reporting Tool is a tool for States Parties to prepare and submit their transparency reports online. It is voluntary. States Parties may use it or continue using the previous reporting format which was also voluntary.

How can I access the Online Reporting Tool?

- The Online Reporting Tool is accessible at the following address: <u>https://reporting.apminebanconvention.org/</u>
- One account has been created for every State Party. In order to request access information to your State's account and start using the Online Reporting Tool, please send an email to the ISU at: isu@apminebanconvention.org.

Annex IV: Simplified Reporting Format

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:

REPORTING PERIOD: ______ to ______(dd/mm/yyyy)

Form A: National implementation measures: changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)	Form F: Technical characteristics of antipersonnel mines: changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable Image: Non applicable		
Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable	Form G: Conversion or decommissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities: changed unchanged unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable		
Form C: Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable	Form H: Victim assistance changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable		
Form D: Areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable Form E: Mine risk education and reduction efforts changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable	Form I: Cooperation and assistance changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable Form J: Other Relevant Matters changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable		

Notes on using the cover page:

If an indication is made on the cover sheet that the information to be provided with respect to a particular matter is unchanged in relationship to a previous year's report, the date of submission of the previous report should be clearly indicated.