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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the APMBC Implementation Support Unit and has the honour to submit here attached, the Report of Albania under Article 7 of the APMBC.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the APMBC Implementation Support Unit the assurances of its highest consideration.



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REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

ARTICLE 7 REPORT FOR THE YEAR

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To the Secretary General of the United Nations

**On the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of
Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction**

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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

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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".

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| Measures | Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached). |
|---|--|
| No change. For most recent information please see Article 7 Report (2006) | |

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]: ALBANIA reporting for time period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

| Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N/A | | | Albania has completed the destruction of its APM stockpile since 4 April 2002. |
| TOTAL | | | |

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan) *

| Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N/A | | | No previously unknown APM stockpiles have been discovered. |
| TOTAL | | | |

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

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 employed."

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1. Areas that contain mines*

| Location | Type | Quantity | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information |
|----------|------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N/A | | | | Albania completed clearance of all known anti-personnel mine contaminated areas in its territory by October 2009. For more details, please check Albania's Article 7 Report for the year 2009. |

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

| Location | Type | Quantity | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information |
|----------|------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| N/A | | | | |

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

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]: **ALBANIA**

reporting for time period from **1 January 2023** to **31 December 2023**

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 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N/A | | | | Albania has decided not to retain any anti-personnel mines for training purposes. |
| 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>) |
| N/A | | "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 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N/A | | | | |
| 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 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N/A | | | | |
| TOTAL | ----- | | | |

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."

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| Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission" | Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed") | Supplementary information |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| N/A | | |

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."

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1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

| Description of the status of programs including: Location of destruction sites | Details of: |
|---|--|
| Albania has completed the destruction of its stockpiled APMs since April 2002. For details refer to Article 7 Report for year 2002. | Methods Applicable safety standards |
| | Applicable environmental standards |

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

| Description of the status of programs including: Location of destruction sites | Details of: |
|---|--|
| N/A | Methods Applicable safety standards |
| | Applicable environmental standards |

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"

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1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

| Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| N/A | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

| Type | Quantity | Supplementary information |
|------|----------|---------------------------|
| N/A | | |
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Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)^{*}

| Type | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| N/A | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

^{*} Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

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]: **ALBANIA**

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1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

| Type | Dimensions | Fusing | Explosive content | | Metallic content | Colour photo attached | Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance. |
|------|------------|--------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | | | type | grams | | | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |
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2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

| Type | Dimensions | Fusing | Explosive content | | Metallic content | Colour photo attached | Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance. |
|------|------------|--------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | | | type | grams | | | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |
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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".

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N/A

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.

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1. VICTIM ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, there were offered medical specialized services to the people with disabilities in the University Hospital of Trauma in Tirana including orthopaedics, physiotherapy, and prosthesis services. Medical services are provided at the hospital for all persons with disabilities, including landmine survivors. Specialized interventions are offered in 11 regional hospitals and also at the University Trauma Hospital.

The National Program for the rehabilitation and modernization of health facilities has provided an improved infrastructure in health facilities in national level.

Access to health care services, therapeutic treatment, and rehabilitation interventions for persons with disabilities, including landmine survivors and their families are provided at all levels of service delivery in primary and hospital health care centers. Regarding the physical barriers, Law No. 93/2014 "On inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities", set the responsibilities of institutions for accessible services and non-discrimination for all categories of persons with disabilities.

The government has a social protection and inclusion legal framework to fulfil the needs of survivors and other people with disabilities. Also, the accessibility in infrastructure has improved mainly in urban areas for persons with disabilities.

Ministry of Health and Social Protection is cooperating with line ministries, civil society and strategic partners to support persons with disability in all areas of inclusion to provide social support and services, employment, housing and access to justice.

In June 2023, it was approved the legal framework for the Social Employment Fund, to enable the provision and administration of financial mechanisms for the promotion of employment, integration, and social inclusion of persons with disabilities.

The model of the bio-psycho-social assessment of disability is carried out based on the criteria approved in the guidelines for adults and children, which use the ICF codes to guarantee that the social services and assistance are provided.

Representatives from MHSP have participated in the "First National Conference on assistive devices in Albania" that took place in March 2023 alongside with representatives of institutions and organizations of people with disabilities.