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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 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:      New Zealand      reporting for time      01/01/2023      31/12/2023  
\_\_\_\_\_ period from      \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### **Compliance**

New Zealand retains operational stocks of Change Directional Fragmentation M18A1 Claymores which are operated in the command-detonated mode only. These devices are not anti-personnel mines as defined in Article 2 of the 1997 Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and are therefore not prohibited under the Convention.

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

### **Mine action programmes and assistance**

**UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS).** In 2023, New Zealand made a non-earmarked core contribution of NZ\$1.5 million (equivalent of US\$950,000) 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\$895,000.

**Assistance in Lao PDR.** New Zealand is supporting the clearance of unexploded ordnance (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 NZ\$24 million, 8-year (2017-2024) package of support consists of 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. NZ\$23.86 million in funding had been paid out to the end of 2023.

**Assistance in Cambodia.** New Zealand is contributing NZ\$6 million 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. In late 2023, a further grant of NZ\$5m was approved to support Cambodia's aspiration to become mine-free by 2025, bringing the total contribution to NZ\$11m. A total of NZ\$8.4 million in grant payments had been made to the end of 2023.

**Assistance in Colombia.** New Zealand has supported humanitarian demining operations in Colombia since 2017 through a partnership with The HALO Trust. Contributions totalling NZ\$1.7 million have been made over a four-year period (2017-2021). The Phase 3 current grant (\$1.5m) covers a 28-month period between May 2022 and August 2024. We intend to extend this phase through to April 2026 with a further grant of \$1.5m. 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 2023, New Zealand contributed NZ\$830,000 (US\$515,000) towards UNMAS' Iraq programme for 2024. (NZ\$830,000/US\$529,000 had been paid in December 2022 towards UNMAS' Iraq programme for 2023.)

**Assistance in Palestine.** In 2023, New Zealand contributed US\$449,676 towards UNMAS' activity: Capacity Enhancement of the Palestinian National Authority to Deliver Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) in the West Bank for 2024. (US\$449,676 was also paid towards this activity in December 2022 for use in 2023.)

**Assistance in Ukraine.** In 2023, New Zealand provided NZ\$1.2 million to UNDP's Mine Action Programme in Ukraine for de-mining and risk education. Mitigating the effects of mines and other explosive remnants of war is central to the "ecocide" pillar of Ukraine's Ten Point Peace Formula, for which Ukrainian President Zelenskyy sought New Zealand's support in his address to Parliament in December 2022. UNDP is a well-established, long-term partner of the Government of Ukraine and has been the UN lead on mine action in Ukraine since 2016. New Zealand's funding contributed to a multi-donor pooled fund that UNDP draws from in addressing needs and gaps across the Mine Action Programme.

## **Rehabilitation Programmes**

This lists humanitarian funding that New Zealand provided in 2023.

**Palestine:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$10 million in humanitarian funding in response to the Israel-Hamas conflict in 2023, with our support delivered in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and the World Food Programme (WFP).

**Myanmar and Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$9.75 million in humanitarian funding in 2023, with our support delivered in partnership with the Myanmar Humanitarian Fund, the ICRC, The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the WFP, and New Zealand NGOs.

**Ukraine:** New Zealand contributed a total of \$7 million to the humanitarian response in Ukraine and the regional refugee response in 2023, with our support delivered in partnership with the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, ICRC, UNHCR and New Zealand NGOs.

**East Africa: Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$16 million to support humanitarian action in Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, and east African countries generally in 2023, with our support delivered in partnership with the WFP, the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund, the ICRC, UNHCR, and New Zealand NGOs.

**Nigeria:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$2.75 million to support humanitarian action in Nigeria, with our support delivered in partnership with ICRC.

**Afghanistan:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$11.59 million (US\$7 million) to humanitarian and development responses in Afghanistan in 2023, delivered through WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA and FAO.

**Syria:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$3.6 million to support humanitarian action in Syria in 2023, with our support delivered in partnership with the IFRC and UNICEF.

**Yemen:** New Zealand contributed NZ\$1.5 million to the ICRC's humanitarian response in Yemen in 2023.

In addition to these crisis-specific contributions, New Zealand also provided flexible core funding contributions to international humanitarian partner organisations, including NZ\$6 million to the **WFP**, NZ\$6 million to the **UNHCR**, NZ\$6 million to **UN Population Fund**, NZ\$6 million to **UNICEF**, NZ\$5 million to the **UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)**, NZ\$3 million to UNOCHA's **Central Emergency Response Fund**, and NZ\$3.5 million to the **ICRC**. These contributions, made as part of multi-year funding commitments, supported humanitarian partners to respond to humanitarian needs globally, including in conflict related crises.