



SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

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From: The Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and  
International Cooperation

To: The Minister Counsellor/ Head of Chancery Embassy of Sierra Leone, Geneva

25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

SUBMISSION OF TRANSPARENCY REPORT ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

With reference to the above subject, I am under directives to forward herewith the attached duly completed article 7 Transparency report for your attention and further action.

With regards to legislation as stipulated under "Form A", there is no specific national legislation on Anti-Personnel Mines at the moment. However the Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms Act of 2010 (Act No. 6 of 2010) and the Arms and Ammunition Act of 2012 (Act No. 9 of 2012) were reviewed, repealed and replaced with the Sierra Leone Commission on Arms Act of 2023 (Act No. 24 of 2023).

The New Act (Act No. 24 of 2023) encompasses all arms and ammunition natures including Anti-Personnel Mines and is in full compliance with the provision of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Development of the National Control List (NCL) is also underway albeit at a preparatory stage.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and accept the assurances of my esteemed regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet'.

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



Reporting Format for APMB Convention

STATE [PARTY]:

SIERRA LEONE

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

**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 LEGISLATION YET | i. Sierra Leone is developing its National Control List and has also reviewed, repealed and replaced both the Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms Act of 2010 (Act No.6 of 2010) and the Arms and Ammunition Act of 2012 (Act No. 9 of 2012) with the Sierra Leone Commission on Arms and Ammunition Act (Act No.24 of 2023). The new Act (Act No.24 of 2023) encompasses all arms and ammunition including Land Mines. It is also in full compliance with the provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). |



**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."

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**1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

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

2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

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

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**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 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| NIL                                   | N/A   | N/A      | N/A                 | N/A                       |
| TOTAL                                 | ----- |          |                     |                           |

**1b. Voluntary information (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)**

| Objectives | Activity / Project | Supplementary information  |
|------------|--------------------|--|
| NIL        | 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:<br>e.g. transferred from, transferred to |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| NIL                                   | N/A   | N/A      | N/A                 | 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:<br>e.g. transferred from, transferred to |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| NIL                                   | N/A   | N/A      | N/A                 | 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 |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| NOT APPLICABLE                             | N/A  | 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: | Details of:                        |
| Location of destruction sites                    | Methods                            |
| NIL  | 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: | Details of:                        |
| Location of destruction sites                    | Methods                            |
| NIL  | 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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To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

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

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

| Type  | Quantity | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|
| NIL   | N/A      | N/A                       |
| TOTAL |          |                           |

**Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force**

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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 |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| NIL   | N/A      | N/A                 | N/A                       |
| TOTAL |          |                     |                           |

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

| Type  | Quantity | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|
| NIL   | N/A      | N/A                       |
| TOTAL |          |                           |



**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 |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| NIL   | N/A      | N/A                 | N/A                       |
| TOTAL |          |                     |                           |

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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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[Narrative:]  
**NONE**



**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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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

**NONE**