

Eighth Meeting

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Item 13 of the agenda

Considerations and matters arising from/in the context of reports submitted under Article 7

Proposal to amend Forms B and G of the Article 7 reporting format

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Background

1. The provisions of Article 4 of Convention stipulate that, “except as provided for in article 3, each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines it owns or possesses, or that are under its jurisdiction or control, as soon as possible but not later than four years after the entry into force of this Convention”. The Convention does not permit extensions of the stockpile destruction deadlines.

2. Article 7 of the Convention stipulates that each State Party shall present to the Secretary General the United Nations, [as soon as possible, and in any case 180 days after the entry into force of Convention], a report which includes, inter alia:

B- The total of all stockpiled of anti-personnel mines (report on stocks),

G- The types and quantities of all the anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of the Convention, in accordance with articles 4 and 5, respectively.

3. At the First Review Conference, the States Parties noted that: “In some post-conflict or otherwise complex situations it may be challenging to find and account for all stockpiled anti-personnel mines that are under the jurisdiction or control of a State Party. Ammunition depots may have been decentralized, and / or may have been in the hands of more than one entity, possibly rendering the accounting and collection process more difficult and complex and slowing this process. In the future, such situations conceivably could lead to a State Party discovering previously unknown stockpiles after

destruction was complete, and perhaps following the deadline by which they were to have completed destruction.”¹

4. To address such situations, the States Parties agreed on Action 15 of the Nairobi Action Plan, which states: “When **previously unknown stockpiles** are discovered after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed, report such discoveries in accordance with their obligations under Article 7, take advantage of other informal means to share such information and destroy these mines as a matter of urgent priority.”

5. At the 2006 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties, the States Parties continued to discuss their commitment to report, in accordance with Article 7 and through informal means, discoveries of previously unknown stockpiles found after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed. In this regard, the suggestion of amending Form G was made.

Proposal

6. The existing Article 7 reporting forms related to Article 4 do not fully correspond to the situation when new stockpiles are discovered after the deadlines have passed. For this reason, the Co-chairs of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction propose that the States Parties amend Forms B and G of the Article 7 reporting format in order to facilitate reporting of stockpiles discovered and destroyed after the Article 4 deadlines have passed.

7. The objective of this proposal is not, nor cannot be, to establish a new obligation. Rather, it aims to modify Forms B and G in order to better and more clearly reflect Action 15 of Nairobi Plan of Action.

8. The proposal adds new tables in Forms B and G on the exchange of information with regard to stocks discovered and destroyed after a stockpile destruction deadline has passed, as follows:

B bis: on **previously unknown stockpiles** discovered after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed.

G bis: on **previously unknown stockpiles** discovered and destroyed after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed.

¹ Review of the operation and status of the Convention the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction: 1999-2004

Form B bis: Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed

Action 15 of NPA

State [Party]:
 from: _____ to _____

reporting for time period

Type	Quantity	Lot (if possible)	Supplementary information
Total			

Form G bis: Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed

Action 15 of NPA

State [Party]:
 from: _____ to _____

reporting for time period

Type	Quantity	Lot (if possible)	Supplementary information
Total			
