

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA



ARTICLE 7 REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2007

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**

**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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ALBANIA

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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. See Albania 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 2007 to 31 December 2007

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			Albania has destroyed 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 emplaced."

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1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
See Annex A				
	PMA-1, PMA-1A, PMA-2, VPMA-2, PMA-3, PMR-2A, MRUD			No records of minefields are available to Albania.

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information

* 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
N/A				Albania has decided that there were no justifiable reasons for the retention of APM for training or any other purpose.
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:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
Albania has completed the destruction of stockpiled APM's since April 2002. For more details refer to Albania Article 7 Report 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:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
See Annex B	Methods: Open detonation
	Applicable safety standards National Mine Action Standards (NMAS) and IMAS
	Applicable environmental standards NMAS and IMAS

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			Albania has completed the destruction of APMs stockpile since April 2002. For more details refer to Albania Article 7 Report 2002.
TOTAL			

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
PMA3	36	
PMA-1	349	
PMR-2A	36	
PMA-2	4	
TOTAL	425	

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			

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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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The Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE) monitored and coordinated the Mine Risk Education activities, which were conducted by the local NGO "Victims of Mines and Arms Kukësi Association" (VMA) and the Albanian Red Cross (ARC). There were no mine accidents recorded in northeast Albania during 2007 and this fact marks a very positive achievement.

The main aim of these activities is to keep 25,500 mine affected community members in 22 villages continuously informed about the mine & UXO threat. In 2007, the anti-mine committees already established in the affected villages, organized regular monthly gatherings with the communities and disseminated leaflets with information on the mine risk and the safe behavior. In addition, the VMA team provided MRE materials to the mine affected communities on a regular basis including posters and leaflets. School based activities related to MRE were also organized and consisted of: competition among classes for the best poster, leaflets, songs, role plays, and information about mine fields, mine risk signs and environment issues. A mobile theatre with comedians travels regularly from village to village to disseminate safety messages through comedies and parodies. The MRE activities implemented by VMA and the ARC were funded by US State Department through the ITF

The Albanian Red Cross in consultation with AMAE published again a new leaflet, which contains messages promoting safe behaviour with mines and especially ERW. The leaflet was distributed to the 5 prefectures in Albania by ARC volunteers in those prefectures. The MRE activities implemented by the Albanian Red Cross (ACR) were funded mainly through ICRC and its main objective is to educate civilians about the threat of the landmines and ERW.

With the financial support of EC/UNDP, AMAE has produced during the year mine awareness materials such as: t-shirts, caps, pencils, CD, DVDs, and clocks and has distributed them in different activities. A special documentary has been prepared and aired during the 4-th April Commemoration Ceremony and by the Albanian State Television.

The book "Mille et Une Mine" published by the "Ecole Supérieure et d' Application du Génio" was translated into Albanian and distributed to the schools in North-East Albania. The translation and publication of this book in Albania was enabled with funding from the "Societe Generale Group - Banka Popullore" and the Embassy of France in Tirana.

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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Many activities took place in 2007 under this mine action component, monitored and coordinated by AMAE, with the relevant partners including MoH, Kukës Regional Hospital, Directorate of Primary Health Care, and NPOC in Tirana, ICRC-SFD, VMA, ITF, Handicap International and the Slovenian Institute of Rehabilitation. Major highlights in the area of victim assistance for 2007 include:

The implementation of the National Strategy on Disability (MoLSA) published since January 2005 is being followed closely by the Albanian Mine Action Programme; awareness is being raised amongst the mine victims about this new strategy and mine survivors' rights.

In April 2007, a Victim Assistance Workshop "Achievements, needs and future plans on Victim Assistance in Albania" was held in Tirana bringing together more than 40 actors involved in providing assistance services to mine survivors. The workshop reviewed the existing action plan for mine victim assistance, in compliance with the Nairobi Action Plan and it was supported by the Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-economic Reintegration, the GICHD/ISU expert and ITF.



Victim Assistance Workshop



New equipment for the Protheses Workshop in Kukës

UNDP/AMAE with support from the French Government has implemented a Project to improve emergency and ongoing medical assistance in Northeast Albania for mine/UXO survivors.

A triage to select mine amputees for physical rehabilitation and prostheses was conducted in northern Albania, with technicians and medical experts from the Slovenian Institute of Rehabilitation and the NPOC. 30 mine/UXO amputees considered difficult cases received prostheses in Slovenia during April – June 2007.

UNDP with funds from the Government of France delivered to Kukës Hospital a full set of physiotherapy equipments. A donation of surgical equipments valued \$ 35 700 was delivered to Tropoja Hospital in June 2007, through a project funded by EC.

ICRC-SFD continued their support to NPOC through the provision of raw materials, technical assistance, and training of two technicians abroad in Bangalore, India. The trained technicians are back to Albania since September 2007, thus contributing to the enhancement of the capacities at the NPOC.

The Albanian “Night of A 1000 Dinners”, a global fundraising event for Mine Action, took place in October 2007, under the patronage of the US Embassy. Individual donors as well as Governmental Authorities, local private businesses, the diplomatic community and NGO-s, donated over \$19, 000 to be used for mine victim assistance in Albania.

VMA continued this year to collect loan payments from the beneficiaries of the previous years and establishing the revolving loan fund. US DoS through ITF have provided funding to VMA for the third year of the ‘Establishing house-hold economies’ project, which will assist other 30 mine/UXO survivors during 2008 through animal husbandry.

The Protheses Workshop at Kukës Regional Hospital continues to support mine /UXO survivors and other amputees. During 2007, at least 140 amputees have received support in repairing their prostheses. The Workshop has been upgraded under HI PMR Phase I project with further training to the technicians and additional equipment. Kukës Regional Hospital provided the space needed to enlarge this workshop and covered also its reconstruction costs in early 2007.

VMA continued the implementation of the US DoS funded project to improve social and medical services through various training of social servants and networking for mine/UXO survivors residing in the mine affected villages. The project provided also the logistic support to mine/UXO survivors as per their needs..

The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education in cooperation with Handicap International and the Faculty of Medicine in Tirana have launched the project for building a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Capacity in Albania. The time frame for this project is 2006-2008, and it is being funded by US DoS through ITF, the Albanian Government and HI. The project is providing training to 6 prostheses/orthotic technicians. The training is based on the International Standards and upgrades them to level II category. It also establishes a programme for training physiotherapists at the Faculty of Nursing in Tirana and a Rehabilitation Unit in Kukës Hospital.

UNDP with EC funds has started the implementation of a project with VMA to provide 30 mine survivors with vocational trainings in jobs such as: small electronic repairs, hairdressing and computers. This training started in July 2006 and is already exceeding the expectations because the beneficiaries are not only benefiting from the training but also changing their attitude regarding their capability of achieving.

With funds made available from EC through UNDP, raw materials and supplies were provided to the National Prosthetic & Orthotic Centre in Tirana and therefore the Centre was able to assist 145 amputees during 2007.



Mine Survivors benefiting from the Vocational Training Project

Annex A (Form C)

Nr.	Type	IMSMA ID	Location	Area Size/m2	Priority
1	Mine/UXO	SR-1659	Letaj	10,000	High
2	Mine	SR-1657	Vlahen	50,000	High
3	Mine/UXO	MA-29-1	Gegaj	30,000	High
4	Mine/UXO	MA-29-2	Gegaj	30,000	High
5	Mine/UXO	MA-30-1	Gegaj	40,000	High
6	Mine/UXO	MA-30-2	Gegaj	40,000	High
7	UXO	SR-1658	Gegaj	60,000	High
8	Mine/UXO	MA-28-1	Gegaj	30,000	High
9	Mine/UXO	MA-28-2	Gegaj	30,000	High
	Total			320,000	

Nr.	Type	IMSMA ID	Location	Area size/m2	Priority
1	Mine	MA 58-7	Vlahen	30,000	Medium
2	Mine	MA 58-8	Vlahen	30,000	Medium
3	Mine	MA 58-9	Vlahen	22,500	Medium
4	Mine	MA 59-1	Shishtavec	1,000	Medium
5	Mine	MA-41-1	Bradoshnice (Papaj)	40,000	Medium
6	Mine	MA-41-2	Bradoshnice (Papaj)	40,000	Medium
7	Mine	MA-41-3	Bradoshnice (Papaj)	22,500	Medium

8	Mine/UXO	MA-30-3	Gegaj	30,000	Medium
9	UXO	MA-32-1	Gegaj	140,000	Medium
10	Mine	MA-42-1	Papaj	30,000	Medium
11	Mine	MA-42-13	Papaj	40,000	Medium
12	Mine	MA-42-14	Papaj	40,000	Medium
13	Mine	MA-42-15	Papaj	15,000	Medium
	Total			481,000	

Nr.	Type	IMSMA ID	Location	Area size/m2	Priority
1	Mine	MA 59-2	Borje	25,000	Low
2	Mine	MA 59-3	Borje	28,000	Low
3	Mine	MA 59-4	Borje	4,000	Low
4	Mine	MA 59-5	Borje	60,000	Low
5	Mine	MA 59-6	Borje	50,000	Low
6	Mine	MA 61-1	Morin	40,000	Low
7	Mine	MA 61-2	Morin	37,500	Low
8	Mine	MA 62-2	Cerem	13,600	Low
9	Mine	MA-39-1	Gegaj	30,000	Low
10	Mine/UXO	MA-30-4	Gegaj	20,000	Low
11	UXO	MA-31-6	Gegaj	7,500	Low
12	UXO	MA-31-7/1	Gegaj	30,000	Low
13	Mine/UXO	MA-30-2	Gegaj	120,000	Low
14	Mine/UXO	MA-30-3	Gegaj	150,000	Low

15	UXO	SR 1655	Gegaj	60,000	Low
16	UXO	MA-44-5	Kasaj	30,000	Low
17	UXO	MA-44-6	Kasaj	40,000	Low
18	Mine	MA-42-4	Papaj	15,000	Low
19	Mine	MA-42-5	Papaj	30,000	Low
20	Mine	SR-1656	Papaj	15,000	Low
21	UXO	MA-60-2	Pakisht	10,000	Low
	Total			815,600	
	GRAND TOTAL			1,616,000	

Annex B (Form F)

No	IMSMA ID	AP Mines	Area cleared/m ²	Area Reduced/m ²
1	AL-1645	11	8,235	21,369
2	AL-1646	39	5,785	10,232
3	AL-1644	0	863	26,177
4	AL-1649	31	5,264	14,736
5	AL-1647	0	993	39,007
6	AL-1648	7	3,174	46,826
7	AL-1654	0	20,222	8,650
8	AL-1652	20	8,575	57,304
9	AL-1650	0	2,182	35,318
10	AL-1651	2	5,986	54,014
11	AL-1653	0	14,325	6,894
12	AL-1658	0	13,530	0
13	AL-1659	13	3,518	0
14	AL-1657	232	15,337	0
15	AL-1655	0	557	0
16	AL-1656	0	1,128	0
17	Mine affected Area (chache)	70	80	0
	TOTAL	425	109,754	320,527 m²