

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA



ARTICLE 7 REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009

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**

Ministry of Defence

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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 for year 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."

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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 emplaced."

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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.

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 2009 to 31 December 2009

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”
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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 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:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
See Annex A	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			
TOTAL			

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
PMA-1	47	
PMA-2	1	
PMA-3	34	
Fragmentation	27	
TOTAL	109	

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 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"

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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							

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							

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 monitored and coordinated the Mine Risk Education (MRE) activities, which again for 2009 were conducted by the NGO- Albanian Assistance for Integration and Development - ALB-AID (former VMA) and the Albanian Red Cross (ARC). Both organizations had their accreditation renewed in early 2009 by the Albanian Mine Action Executive upon submission of all required documentation.

The main aim of the Mine Risk Education activities was to keep 16,500 mine affected community members in the 16 contaminated villages informed about the mine & UXO threat. It is worth mentioning that there were no mine incidents recorded in northeast Albania during 2009.

The NGO ALB -AID implemented an MRE Project funded by the US State Department through the International Trust Fund of Slovenia up to July 2009. Under this project and in cooperation with the village anti-mine committees, regular monthly gatherings were organized with the communities and leaflets with information on the mine risk and the safe behavior were disseminated. Other activities carried out were the MRE mobile theatre performances. The mobile theatre with comedians travels regularly from village to village to disseminate safety messages through comedies and parodies. MRE materials were provided to the mine affected communities on a regular basis including posters and leaflets. School based activities related to MRE were organized and consisted of: competitions among classes for the best poster, leaflet, song, role plays and information about mine fields, mine risk signs and environment issues.

The Albanian Red Cross (ARC) implemented a data collection project in 10 prefectures in Albania promoting a safe behavior to the areas affected with unexploded ammunition. A new leaflet was published by ARC in consultation with AMAE, which contains messages for the safe behavior, which was distributed by ARC volunteers in ammunition hotspot areas of 10 prefectures in Albania. In addition, ARC participated actively in the handover ceremonies of cleared land in Northeast Albania.

During 2009 UNICEF Albania funded a project to Institute of Curriculas for the preparation of two updated MRE/ERW/SALW manuals in order to continue to introduce Risk Education into compulsory public school curriculum in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES).

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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Mine Victim Assistance 2009

The Victim Assistance component covered a wide range of support to the mine survivors during 2009 including: emergency assistance and ongoing healthcare, physical rehabilitation and provision of prostheses, social and psychological support and socio-economic reintegration. These activities were monitored and coordinated by AMAE and carried out in cooperation with various implementing partners including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Kukës Regional Hospital, Directorates of Public Health in Kukes, Has and Tropoja, the National Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NPOC) in Tirana, ICRC-Special Fund for Disabled (SFD), the NGO “Albanian Association for Assistance, Integration and Development” ALB-AID (previously known as VMA), the International Trust Fund (ITF) Slovenia, Handicap International and the University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia.

➤ Access to Physical & Medical Rehabilitation in Albania-Phase II

The project aims to help public authorities develop and implement a consistent and long-term plan to ensure access to physical and medical rehabilitation services to the entire Albanian population while implementing measures responding to the immediate needs of landmine victims. The second phase of this project covers the period 2008 – May 2010 and again is funded by US DoS and implemented by Handicap International. During the year 2009 the following activities were carried out under this project:

- 25 physiotherapists were graduated for the first time in Albania at the Faculty of Nursing in Tirana by June 2009.
- A Physiotherapy cabinet is established at the Faculty of Nursing in Tirana and will be used for training/teaching purposes.
- 6 technicians, respectively from Kukes, Tirana and Pogradec, continue the training in above knee modules and upper limbs. This training is planned to be completed by March 2010.

- Technical support in building the prosthetic capacities has been provided to the two technicians of the Prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Regional Hospital.
- Through technical assistance from Handicap International, 21 new prostheses were produced in Kukes and at least 68 major repairs were done during 2009 for the mine survivors and other local amputees in need.
- 25 additional students were registered in the academic year 2009-2010 in the Physiotherapy Branch at the Faculty of Nursing in Tirana.

➤ **Medical equipment and training support to Kukes Regional Hospital**

This project is designed to assist Kukes Regional Hospital to improve the emergency and ongoing health care capacities. Kukes Regional Hospital provided the main support to the people injured in mine/UXO incidents. The project is funded by US Department of State and the main activities in 2009 include:

- Donation and installation of the Electro-surgical unit in the Surgical Department of Kukes Hospital. Training for the use of the equipment was also provided to the relevant personnel.
- Donation and installation of the Radiography & Fluoroscopy X- Ray TV system (Axiom ICONOS R100) in Kukes Hospital. Training for the use of the equipment was provided to the medical personnel.
- During May-June 2009, five (5) Kukes Regional Hospital specialists (three from the rehabilitation unit and two from the hospital management) participated to a training organized at the University Rehabilitation Institute, Republic of Slovenia.

➤ **Improving the capacities for survivors assistance**

ICRC-SFD continued its support to the National Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NPOC) through the provision of raw materials for the production of prosthesis/orthoses. Another key aspect of this project is the improvement of management capacities and capabilities of the current staff of the Centre through technical support visits and assistance by ICRC-SFD.

➤ **Physical Rehabilitation of amputees in Slovenia**

This project is designed to assist upper limb amputees and other difficult cases that can not be assisted in Albania with prostheses and physical rehabilitation. The project is implemented by the University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia and funded by US Department of State. In 2009, the following activities took place under this project:

- With AMAE coordination, a triage of 60 patients injured mainly by mines and UXOs in northeast Albania, was conducted in Kukes, Has and Tropoja by medical specialists from the University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia.
- As a result of the triage 11 mine/UXO amputees have been already rehabilitated with prostheses during September – December 2009 at the University Rehabilitation Institute of Slovenia.

➤ **Vocational Training & Local Enterprise Initiative for mine/ERW survivors in Kukes region.**

This Project is funded by US DoS through ITF and implemented by the NGO ALB-AID. The overall objective of the one year project is to provide access and support for mine survivors and/or their family members from the mine affected communities in northeast Albania to attend vocational and entrepreneurship business training courses. The Project was completed in July 2009 and the following activities were carried out:

20 beneficiaries attended vocational training courses as follows:

- English and computer - 9 persons
- Computer basic - 3 persons
- Electric installations - 5 persons
- Auto-mechanics - 1 person
- Bases of Computer - 2 persons

➤ **Socio-economic reintegration initiative for the survivors of Gerdec explosion**

The project aims to directly support about 300 survivors or the family members from the explosion of the ammunition depot in Gerdec in 2008, to be re-integrated into the society. The project is funded from the US DoS through ITF and implemented by the NGO ALB-AID and the activities of this project include:

- 49 students completed the English and Computer courses during the period September- December 2009.
- 56 new pupils have started the second shift in English and Computer courses

➤ **“Night of a Thousand Dinners 2009”**

The humanitarian event, “Night of a Thousand Dinners 2009” which was hosted by the US Embassy in Tirana in cooperation with AMAE in November 2009 raised over 12, 218USD from individual donors including the Albanian private sector. These donations were matched by ITF through US State Department and are currently being used to assist 8 young child mine survivors for educational activities.

➤ **The Tirana Workshop on a Mine-Free South Eastern Europe**

A regional event “The Tirana Workshop on a Mine-Free South Eastern Europe” took place from 7 to 9 October 2009 in Tirana with the support of the European Union and the AP Mine Ban Convention ISU. Participants in the workshop included representatives from mine-affected countries in South Eastern Europe, landmine and unexploded ordnance survivors, donors, local, international and non-governmental organizations that have contributed to mine action in the region.

A parallel programme for victims' assistance experts was held as well in the margins of this regional event, with the assistance of the ISU VA experts. The parallel programme highlighted challenges and successes in addressing the rights and needs of mine survivors in the region. The programme included discussions on medical and physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support and economic empowerment of the survivors.

Annex A (Form F)

No.	IMSMA ID	Location	AP Mines	Area Cleared/m ²	Area reduced/ m ²
1	MA 63-2	Mejdan	0	30500	0
2	MA 31-7/1	Papaj	0	28000	2000
3	MA 68-1	Stoberde	5	1803	1835
4	MA 67-1	Cahan	0	34455	2449
5	SR 1683	Morin	17	16953	20547
6	SR 1685	Shpella e Pellumb.	0	5313	9687
7	MA 61-1	Livadhi Koretnikut	25	13338	26662
8	MA 59-4	Borje	0	1883	4335
9	MA 59-2	Borje	48	20,831	32169
10	MA 59-3				
11	MA 63-1	Sulbice	0	27200	10300
12	MA 42-4	Sulbice	0	1372	13628
13	MA 32-2	Ujze	0	29335	90665
14	MA 32-3	Ujze	0	33320	116680
15	MA 39-1	Qerem	3	4312	25688
16	MA 59-5	Borje	6	22145	47855
17	AM 60-2	Pakisht	0	10080	0
18	MA 59-6	Guri Shqipës	0	13665	36335
19	MA 30-4/1	Padesh	0	15428	572
20	MA 62-2	Kershij Ujkut	0	3283	10317
21	MA 69-2	Morin	0	2510	2490
22	MA 69-1	Morin	1	2834	2166
23	MA 65-1	Letaj	0	54691	5309
24	MA 68-2	Stoberde	4	11334	8661
25	MA 66-1	Kasaj	0	25380	4620
26	MA 70-1	Dobrune	0	1923	2495
27	MA 70-2	Dobrune	0	3370	6630
	Total²		109	415,258	484,095

² Note: This total does not include 61,000 sqm in two mined areas (MA 59-1 and SR 1655) cancelled during 2009.