

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA



ARTICLE 7 REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010

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. For more details, please check Albania Article 7 Report for the year 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

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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 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	
N/A	Methods
	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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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
N/A		

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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N/A

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 2010

The main focus of the mine action activities during 2010 was on the assistance to the mine/ERW victims. The mine victims assistance covered a wide range of support for 2010 to the mine/ERW survivors and other persons with disabilities in Albania including: emergency assistance and ongoing healthcare, physical rehabilitation and provision of prostheses, social and psychological support and their 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, ICRC-Special Fund for Disabled (SFD), the NGO “Albanian Association for Assistance Integration and Development” (ALB-AID), the International Trust Fund (ITF) Slovenia, Handicap International and the University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia.

➤ Access to Physical & Medical Rehabilitation (PMR) in Albania

This 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 and other persons with disabilities. The second and third phase of this project was again funded by US DoS and implemented by Handicap International France.

The main activities which were monitored and coordinated by AMAE during the project period include:

- A national strategy for the development of PMR services has been now adopted by the Ministry of Health;
- A Physiotherapy Educational program based on European standards is being implemented by the Nursing Faculty of Tirana.

- 30 students were registered for the academic year 2010-2011.
- A one-year formal training programme for twenty PMR medical doctors from all over Albania was conducted during 2009-2010, at the Faculty of Nursing in Tirana on physical medicine and rehabilitation.
- Technical support in building the prosthetic capacities has been provided to the two technicians of the Prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Regional Hospital. A Rehabilitation unit is now functioning, providing services for local patients including landmine survivors. Under the technical assistance of Handicap International, 17 new prostheses were produced in Kukes and at least 48 major repairs were performed during 2010 for the mine survivors and other local amputees in need. More than 500 patients benefited from the services provided by this PMR unit (including physiotherapy and P&O services);
- Seven Ortho-prosthetic technicians, respectively from Kukes, Tirana and Pogradec, successfully finalized the training in above knee modules and upper limb modules during 2010.

➤ **Medical Training for the Albanian Health Professionals**

This project was designed to assist health professionals to improve their capacities on medical and physical rehabilitation. The project was funded by US DoS and the main activities coordinated during 2010 included:

- Three medical doctors from Mother Teresa University Hospital and the regional Hospital of Durres participated in a series of training courses in Ljubljana on the subjects of the “KINEZIOTAPING”. The Ministry of Health appointed the candidates to participate at the training and AMAE coordinated with other partners the activity and facilitated the arrangements for the medical doctors to attend the training. The training courses were organized by a US University for countries of Southeast Europe and were financed by US DoS through International Trust Fund Slovenia.

➤ **Physical Rehabilitation of amputees in Slovenia**

This project assists amputees classified as difficult cases who cannot be assisted in Albania with prostheses and physical rehabilitation. The project is implemented by the University Rehabilitation Institute of Republic of Slovenia and funded by US DoS. 15 mine/UXO amputees were rehabilitated with prostheses during 2010 at the University Rehabilitation Institute of Republic of Slovenia

➤ **Vocational Training and Local Enterprise Initiative for mine/ERW survivors and their family members**

The Project was funded by US DoS through ITF and implemented by the Albanian NGO ALB-AID. The aim of the project was to increase economic autonomy of mine survivors and their family members by improving their labor skills and opportunities. This is achieved through various vocational trainings with mine survivors and their family members.

In this regard, a Survey was conducted with all mine/UXO survivors and a database was established with the data collected, based on an already agreed point system, in order to ensure equality and transparency of selection, as well as to prioritize mine/UXO survivors and provide the required support based on their immediate economic needs.

Based on the requests of the survivors and the point system established, those interested were instructed about the courses and supported financially to attend courses in vocational training centers of Prizren, Gjakova and Peja, upon an agreement between the Governments of Albania and Kosovo.

Twenty one individuals being mine/UXO survivors or their family members have attended such courses for a period of 4-6 months and upon successful completion they were issued certificates, which are valid in both countries- Kosova and Albania. In addition, the students were trained on entrepreneurship skills and techniques of employment, job description, CVs, etc.

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

The project aims to directly support the reintegration of the survivors or their family members from the explosion of the ammunition depot in Gerdec, in March 2008. The project was funded by the US DoS through ITF and implemented by the national NGO ALB-AID.

The activities of this project during 2010 included:

- A survey was carried out with families of the victims and the data gathered were entered and processed in the database.
- 56 students completed the English and Computer courses throughout the year. All pupils who participated in the training were supported with used computers, as part of the project.
- Training facilities were identified and furnished with the required training equipment.

- Psycho–social sessions with children at the Community Friendly space and regular recreation/cultural activities were organized on regular basis.

➤ **National Victim Assistance Workshop**

On 3-4 November 2010, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defense in collaboration with the Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE) organized a National Victim Assistance Workshop, which gathered representatives from different line ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Defense, regional health authorities and other local authorities, donors of the Albanian Mine Action Programme, organizations and other actors involved in the disability issues in Albania. Additionally, disabled people, landmine and cluster munitions survivors were an active part in discussing the priorities for the future Victim Assistance plans. The main objective of the workshop was to make an analysis of the progress as to date in this area and to develop a long term national plan in line with the Cartagena Action Plan adopted at the Second Review Conference. The workshop was funded by the European Union through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victim Assistance, Slovenia (ITF). Some of the priorities identified for the victim Assistance plan resulting from the workshop include:

- A detailed analysis of the medical and socio-economic reintegration needs of 688 survivors from the abandoned unexploded ordnances (AXO) all over Albania. Priority to be given to areas with highest number of victims such as: Shkodra, Elbasan, Tirana (Gerdec), Vlora, Durres and Kukes.
- Continue the required support and strengthen the existing capacities at the rehabilitation unit at Kukes Regional Hospital.
- Improve management capacities and services provided by the National Prosthetic Center in Tirana. Identification of a proper location of this center was considered as a high priority.
- Make use of the experience gained in northern part of the country to further expand the assistance activities to the areas with considerable number of survivors from the abandoned unexploded ordnances (AXO).