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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**

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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). |
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| No change. For most recent information please see Article 7 Report for year 2019. | |

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. |
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| 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's Article 7 Report for the year 2009. |
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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"

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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. |
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| 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 | | |
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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*)

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 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 | | |
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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 | | | | | | | |
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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 | | | | | | | |
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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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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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1. VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- There are three hospitals in the previously cluster munitions affected region: The Regional Hospital in Kukes town, the district hospitals in Has and Bajram Curri. The hospitals in Bajram Curri and Kukes have surgical capabilities The Kukes Hospital has been reconstructed during 2021. The first stop for cluster munitions survivors immediately following an accident was the village medical center where first aid was provided and then transported to the hospital that was closest in proximity to the location of their accident. The victims in need of surgery were transported to Kukes hospital, where surgical capabilities are the most advanced in the region.

For difficult cases requiring surgery and intensive care, patients were transported to the National Trauma Center in Tirana, usually by helicopter provided by government. Cluster munitions survivors require ongoing medical assistance, which they generally receive from the family doctors (GP) and/or nurses working in the village health centers or the district hospital closest in proximity to their residence. In the Medical University of Tirana, the study program for Physiotherapy continues in the Faculty of Medical Sciences. The medical staff are surgeons, anaesthologists, etc.

General Surgery is only available at Kukes Regional Hospital, or the University Trauma Hospital in Tirana. Corrective surgery is available only at the University Trauma Hospital in Tirana. This is sufficient for the time being considering the needs of the population.

There is a Physiotherapy unit with specialized staff at Kukes, Regional Hospital and the physiotherapy section of the University Hospital of Trauma. Framework Law No. 93/2014 “On the Inclusion of and Access for People with Disabilities,” was approved in line with the CRPD principles and definitions. During 2021 National Action Plan for Persons with Disability 2021-2025 has been approved by the Government with Decision Nr. 276, Date 12.05.2021. The plan was consulted with civil society and targets all categories of PWDs. Provision of quality social and health services for every person with disabilities and accessibility are addressed with specific measures. Ministry of Health and Social Protection gives support to Tirana Regional Council and Association for Disability Rights Foundation to provide the service of wheelchair provision and adjustment, resulting in distributing about 700 wheelchairs a year across all the country. Although persons with disabilities benefit from the coverage of medical insurance, there is still lack of assistive equipment and technologies.

In order to receive disability benefits, the assessment of disability takes place, the overall reform of disability assessment, extending gradually at national level is in line with CRPD. A bio-psycho-social evaluation is conducted, to give a profile with the evaluation and social integrated services needed.

All (61) municipalities have a social plan, supported by UNDP, whereas they do not include comprehensive measures for Pwd. Community services and rehabilitation centers must be in place. In particular, in remote rural areas, there is a lack of social services, such as Kukes, Diber. During the Covid pandemic, increased needs of persons with disabilities were addressed by the health and social services in the territory. Moreover, UNDP, World Vision, Terre Des-Hommes etc. offered accessible services. Psycho-social service for Persons with Disabilities has been provided from Albanian Red cross for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Also the Albanian Red Cross conducted the training "Health in Emergency" in November 2021 needs of categories of PwD.