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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and has the honour to submit Uganda's Article 7 Report on implementation of the provisions of the convention for the period April 2023 to April 2024.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Implementation Support Unit  
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention  
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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**

STATE [PARTY]:

**UGANDA**

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

**Form A National implementation measures**

Article 7.1 Did the State Party previously communicate time-bound and measurable objectives and enhancements that will be made to relevant policies, plans, and legal frameworks?"

Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., the effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<p>Uganda Mine Action standards were approved and are operational</p> <p>Standard Operating procedures for mine action activities were developed and are in place.</p> <p>Mine Action in Uganda is implemented within the National Policy Framework which includes the National Internally Displaced Persons Policy 2004 and the Revised National Policy on Persons With Disabilities 2023</p> <p>The National Policy for Disaster Preparedness and Management 2011.</p> <p>Mine Action is integrated within the Peace, Recovery, and Development Plan for Northern Uganda (PRDP) 2010 Uganda Mine Action standards were approved and are operational</p> <p>Standard Operating procedures for mine action activities were developed and are in</p>	



Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>T.72</b>	<b>1660</b>		<b>These mines were 1764 but 104 were destroyed during training, remaining only 1660 for training purposes</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1660</b>		

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)<sup>1</sup>

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>N/A</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>No stockpile of AP mines was unknown and or discovered after the deadline.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>		

**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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

1. Areas that contain mines<sup>2</sup>

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information.
<b>NIL</b>	T-72 & PMD-6 NIL	NIL	1987-1990s	All the mines were cleared.

<sup>2</sup> If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided.

2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
	APM T-72 & PMD6	Not known	1990s	
	NIL	NIL	NIL	





NIL	NIL	NIL
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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
<b>Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>No mines have been transferred for development and training, except those mentioned in C above that were retained for training within the country.</b>
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

<b>Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>No mines have been transferred for purposes of destruction except the 2003 destruction that was carried out at the destruction site in Nakasongola.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			

**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 decommissioning 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
<b>Decommissioned in 2005</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>No facility exists anymore.</b>



2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
NA	NA
NA	NA
NA	NA

**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 antipersonnel 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
<b>Type 72</b>	<b>NIL</b>		<b>These items had not however been stockpiled, they had been abandoned by non-state actors, this is the same information presented in the preceding report.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information

<b>APMs</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>ATM</b>	<b>NIL</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>	

**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*)<sup>3</sup>

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
	NIL	NIL	NIL
	NIL		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>		

<sup>3</sup> 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.

### 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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		<b>Uganda does not produce APMs, this information is therefore not applicable.</b>

#### 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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>As above</b>

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**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 antipersonnel 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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**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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## Victim Assistance

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<p><b>Action #33</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uganda uses a twin-track approach of inclusion approach all Persons with Disabilities to benefit from the Government Programmes that target all on an equal basis, including the landmine victims. Nevertheless, attention is always given to the peculiar needs of landmine victims, especially in terms of rehabilitation, surgery, and provision of assistive devices. In our National Inclusive Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities which was supported by ISU, attention is given to victim assistance.</li><li>• The revised National Policy on Persons with Disabilities (2023) emphasizes the provision of rehabilitation and rehabilitation services as well as provision of the assistive technology that is appropriate.</li><li>• Uganda has developed the Disability Blue Print with a sole goal of assessing and managing disability.</li><li>• This is awaiting cabinet approval to become an operational tool.</li></ul>	<p><b>The National Action Plan for The Revised National Policy on Persons with Disabilities of 2023 has costed sections including assistive device and technology</b></p>

**Action #34.**

The Revised National Policy for Persons with Disabilities (2023) includes all the issues to do with education, health, employment and education for all Persons with Disabilities. In addition, a specific policy on inclusive education is being finalized by the Ministry of Education. The Equal Opportunities Policy is also being revised to ensure that it includes all the issues and needs of all Persons with Disabilities especially the gender and equity issues.

The National Technical Coordination Committee on disability has membership from Ministries of Health, Education, Public Service, the National Union of Persons with Disabilities and the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, among others. This enables mainstreaming disability issues in different plans and programmes of the different Ministries, Departments, and Agencies.

It worth noting though, that even with the presence of an inter-ministerial and inter-departmental committee in place, still attention to peculiar needs of the different categories of Persons with Disabilities is not sufficiently given.

<p><b>Action #35.</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development has developed the disability management information system. The system is now running. It is currently capturing information on beneficiaries of the National Special Grant which is an economic empowerment programme for all Persons with Disabilities, the beneficiaries of the special enterprise grant for older persons and the trainees in the vocational rehabilitation. It is envisaged that progressively, the system will be part of the single registry for the government of Uganda for the social protection services offered</p>	<p><b>The actual number of landmine survivors is not known and it is estimated to be about 2500</b></p>
<p><b>Action #36</b></p> <p>Uganda does not have casualties affected by mines often. But, when this happens and in very rare circumstances, the victims are then taken to Health Centres where they are provided with first aid. There are nevertheless challenges associated with timely delivery to hospital and the limited medical facilities, medical equipment available for treatment among many others.</p>	<p><b>The emergency equipment like ambulances to transport casualties is very limited.</b></p>
<p><b>Action #37</b></p> <p>The referral mechanisms of the health structures start at the smallest unit of administration which is a parish. These simplify access to the different health services that include assessment and referral. For example, mental health medicines can now be accessed at Community Health Centres (Health Centre II).</p>	

<p><i>There are however challenges associated with inadequate rehabilitation services both in terms of assistive devices, psycho-social attention, and medicines.</i></p> <p><b><i>In the Global Commitments to Disability 2022, the Government of Uganda pledged and has started on the journey to:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Equip 40% of the orthopaedic workshops across the country to facilitate quality production and revise the essential medicines/drugs/supplies list for lower health facilities to increase rare drugs, medicines and assistive devices/technology for all categories of Persons with Disabilities, especially mental health, Epilepsy, albinism, persons with physical disabilities who include the landmine victims, by 2024.</li> <li>ii. Develop a compendium of all health disability studies and disseminate them quarterly through the disability councils at district level and information on causes and costed framework on management for each category of disability; to guide the country’s comprehensive interventions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The process on equipping the orthopedic workshop is ongoing but a bit slow</b></p> <p><b>The Ministry of Health has developed the National Rehabilitation Strategy, aimed at guided service delivery in the area of rehabilitation</b></p>
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**Action #39.**

All the Economic Empowerment Programmes put in place by the Government of Uganda are inclusive of all Persons with Disabilities, including the Landmine Victims and Survivors. The capacity building as well as physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal and communication actions and programmes are done with a disability lens. Uganda for example has political representation of Persons with Disabilities at all levels of administration from community to National level.

The Special Grant for Persons with Disabilities is one of the economic empowerment programmes that was put in place in the Financial Year 2009/2010. This grant is for income generation for groups of Persons with Disabilities. From July 2023 to April 2024 a total of 1,401 Persons with Disabilities Enterprises were funded under National Special Grant (NSG) benefiting 8,597 Persons with Disabilities, of which 4,332 male and 4,265 female in 131 Local Governments Across the Country. The total amount of funds disbursed totaled to UGX 7,005,000,000/=

**Action #40 In the Global Commitments to Disability 2022, the Government of Uganda through the Office of the Prime Minister, pledged to undertake the following actions:**

- i. Conduct a needs assessment of Persons with Disabilities within internally displaced communities, refugee settlements and host communities within Uganda and provide for reasonable accommodation for Persons with disabilities in guidelines for humanitarian responses, by 2023.

**This has not yet been concluded**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Develop a Disability inclusive disaster reduction policy to domesticate the Sendai Framework by 2024. Principles in the disability inclusive disaster risk management framework will be adopted and provision made for representation of Persons with disabilities on different committees (including disaster, refugees, and climate change structures), to foster disability inclusion.</li> <li>iii. Integrate disability-specific performance indicators in the annual performance framework for Local Governments by the end of 2024. This will facilitate the meaningful inclusion of disability issues in the LG planning and implementation processes.</li> <li>iv. Provide for disability inclusiveness during the review of the climate change adaptation policies and guidelines by 2024. (National Policy for Disaster Preparedness Management Policy 2011).</li> </ul>	<p><b>This is the most current policy that is being used for actions on disaster management</b></p>
<p><b>Action #41</b></p> <p>The Government of Uganda is committed to availing funding to ensure that, the obligations to the convention are met. This is done using the available legal and policy frameworks, as well as the different guidelines put in place by the States Party. These include activities under the CBR Programme, the Special Grant for Persons with Disabilities to reach all the intended beneficiaries including landmine survivors.</p> <p>Uganda also works with partners who support funding and sometimes human resources to care for the implementation of programs and activities aimed at implementing the convention. The country however still needs more support in the area of medical rehabilitation, including the provision of assistive devices, data collection, and management, as well as increasing the socio-economic services to reach all the Landmine Victims.</p>	