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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 7¹

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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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from

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
Law of 9 March 1995 on anti-personnel mines, booby traps and similar devices	11 April 1995
Law of 24 June 1996 amending the Law of 3 January 1933 on arms production and trade, on the carrying of weapons and on ammunition trade, with a view to prohibiting the Belgian State and public services from storing anti-personnel mines.	19 July 1996
Law of 10 August 1998 on the ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction.	28 December 1998
Law of 30 March 2000 on the definitive prohibition of anti-personnel mines. This law simplified the existing procedure by canceling the five years moratorium.	17 April 2000
Law of 8 June 2006 concerning the regulation of economic and individual activities with weapons	9 June 2006
Law of 20 March 2007 concerning prohibition of financial contribution to the fabrication, use or detention of Antipersonnel mines and clusters munitions	26 April 2007

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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Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
NOT APPLICABLE			
TOTAL			

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
NOT APPLICABLE				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
NOT APPLICABLE				

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Form D APMs retained or transferred (As adopted at the final plenary meeting on 02 December 2005)

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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1. a. Compulsary Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
ARMED FORCES	MB 35 Bg	3569		As of 01 January 2007
	MB 35 Bg	3287		As of 31 December 2007
Total		3287		

1. b. Voluntary information:

Objective	Activity/project	Supplementary information
Education and training of EOD specialists and deminers with live ammunition Training militaries in "Mine Risk Education"	The use of MB35Bg mines took place during different sessions of courses organised by the Belgian Armed Forces in 2007	The 282 mines were used for training purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention (see Form G)

Form D (continued)

2. **Compulsary** 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
NOT APPLICABLE				
TOTAL	-----			

3. **Compulsary** 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
NOT APPLICABLE				
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
NOTHING TO REPORT		

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:	
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Location of destruction sites	Details of:
NOT APPLICABLE	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

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

Discription of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
NOT APPLICABLE	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
M 35 Bg	4489		Destroyed by our EOD Service in 1998
	424		1999, for training purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention
	383		2000, at the Engineer School, 290 mines were used to educate 106 officers, NCO and soldiers as EOD personnel and to train 3010 militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" In Engineer Combat Units, 93 mines served for the operational training of their deminers.
	334		2001, at the Engineer School, 190 mines were used to educate 13 NCO as EOD personnel and to train 3169 militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" EOD Service made explode 5 mines for training their personnel in humanitarian demining. In Engineer Combat Units, 139 mines served for the operational training of their deminers.
	293		2002, At the Engineer School, 158 mines were used to educate NCOs as EOD personnel and to train 3550 militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" In Engineer Combat Units, 135 mines served for the operational training of their deminers.

	363		2003, At the Engineer School, 182 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel. In Engineer Combat Units, 181 mines served for the operational training of their deminers and to train militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
	267		2004, At the Engineer School, 88 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel. In Engineer Combat Units, 179 mines served for the operational training of their deminers and to train militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
	356		2005 At the Engineer School, 18 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel. In Engineer Combat Units, 338 mines served for the operational training of their deminers and to train militaries from combat units in" Mine Awareness" (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
	251		2006 At the Engineer School, 78 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates. In Engineer Combat Units, 172 mines served for the operational training of their deminers and to train militaries from combat units in" Mine Risk Education" . In this last context, 1 mine has been used by the EOD personnel. (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
	282		2007 At the Engineer School, 90 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates. In Engineer Combat Units, 152 mines served for the operational training of their deminers and to train militaries from combat units in" Mine Risk Education" . The EOD school used 40 mines to train the EOD personnel. (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
TOTAL	7442		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
NOT APPLICABLE		
TOTAL		

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, color 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			
NOT APPLICABLE							

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			
M 35 Bg	Ø 67 mm	Detonating type M 5A1Bg	TNT	102 gr	35 gr	No	

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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Narrative / reference to other reports

Belgian contribution to international assistance in 2007

In 2007, Belgian expenditure for international assistance, as shown in the table attached, amounted (in thousands euro) to **10.031.000 €**, including assistance in kind.

Summarizing table 2007

Africa

Program Recipient : Senegal

Funding amount : 266.710 euro

Implementing Agency : UNDP

Activity Type : Opération de déminage humanitaire en Casamance

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

Program Recipient République Démocratique du Congo DRC –

Funding amount : 500.000 euro

Implementing Agency : Handicap International

Activity Type : Prévention des risques liés à la présence des mines et UXO dans les provinces Orientale, du Maniema et de l'équateur

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

Program Recipient : Mozambique

Funding amount : 500.000 euro

Implementing Agency : **APOPO**

Activity Type : **Mine action 2007-2008: GIS planning and monitoring, mechanical area preparation, biosensor detection, and manual demining.**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

ASIA

Program Recipient : **Afghanistan**

Funding amount (original currency): **500.000 Euro**

Implementing Agency : Service d'enlèvement des engins explosifs (**SEDEE-DOVO**)

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Département de la Défense

Contribution Type (Monetary or In-Kind) : en nature

Activity Type (coordination, survey, marking, clearance, destruction, training, MRE, victim assistance, unspecified, etc.) : détection et si nécessaire destruction de tous les restes de guerre non explosés inclus les mines

Program Description : Durant 2007, trois rotations, chacune pour une période de 4 mois, de 8 opérateurs EOD en appui de l'Equipe de Reconstruction Provinciale de KUNDUZ (PRT KUNDUZ).

Program Recipient : **Afghanistan**

Funding amount (original currency): **1.300.000 Euro** : Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement et **100.000 Euros** : Gouvernement de la Région Flamande

Activity Type : **physical rehabilitation of mine victims**

Implementing Agency : **ICRC**

Afghanistan

Ministry of Defence (In kind : estimated at **891.080 EUR**) :

- 8 UXO clearance experts (of which 1 EOR expert) in the PRT KUNDUZ and FEYZABAD

- As from Sep 07, 5 UXO Clearance experts and 2 EOR experts in Kabul International Airport

MIDDLE EAST

Program Recipient : **Irak**

Funding amount (original currency): **250.000 Euro:**

Activity Type : **Conflict recovery program in Irak (Kurdistan)- Deployment of one Mine Action team (MAT) and one Community Liason (CL) Team**

Implementing Agency : **MAG**

Funding Source: Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

Program Recipient : **Jordanie**

Funding amount : **25.000 Euros**

Activity Type : 8ème Conférence des états-parties à la Convention sur l'interdiction des mines antipersonnel en **Jordanie** du 18 au 22 novembre 2007.

Participation aux frais de follow up administratif et financier.

Implementing Agency : **GICHD**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

Program Recipient : **Jordanie**

Funding amount : **50.000 Euros**

Activity Type : **NATO partnership for peace/Mediterranean dialogue trust fund project in Jordan – disposal of ERW and ammunition**

Implementing Agency : **NATO**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

Program Recipient : **Jordanie**

Funding amount : **in kind estimated at 27.000 Euro**

Activity Type : - From April 21 to 26 th 2007: 4 Belgian EOD experts conducted a reconnaissance in Zone of the Aqaba Gulf

- From May 18 th to June 01 2007, 5 Belgian EOD divers went ton Aqaba Gulf in order to clear that part of the Jordan coast and very shallow territorial waters with the support of Jordanian Naval Force

Program Recipient : **Lebanon**

Ministry of Defence (In kind : estimated at **2.907.710 EUR**)

In the framework of the UNIFIL-South build-up, Belgium sended :

- till June 6th 2007: 11 UXO experts and 32 Mine clearance experts

- from June 6th 2007 till October 7th 2007: 8 UXO experts and 32 mine clearance experts

- as from October 7th 2007: 3 UXO experts and 32 mine clearance experts

devoted to clearing operations in TIBNIN

LATIN AMERICA

Program Recipient : **Colombia**

Funding amount : **150.000 euro**

Activity Type **Renforcement institutionnel des capacités locales pour la prise en charge légale et l'orientation des victimes civiles de Mines Antipersonnel vers les services opportuns**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Service Public Fédéral Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement

Varia : International - Multilateral

Program Recipient : **ICRC "Mine Action 2007" - Special appeal**

Funding amount : **2.000.000 Euro**

Activity Type : **Victim Assistance, Advocacy, Prevention, Risk reduction**

Implementing Agency : **ICRC – International Committee of the Red Cross**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department):: **SPF Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieur et Coopération au Développement - DG Coopération au Développement.**

Program Recipient : **Landmine Monitor Report 2007**

Funding amount : **25.000 Euro**

Implementing Agency: **ICBL via Handicap International**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): **Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Commerce Extérieure et Coopération au Développement**

Research and Development - Studies

Program Recipient : Recherche scientifique "**BEMAT**"

Funding amount (original currency): **238.000 Euro** (sans les salaires)

Implementing Agency : **L'Ecole Royale Militaire coordonne le projet de recherche avec la coopération de laboratoires des principales universités belges**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): **Département de la Défense et Coopération et Développement**

Contribution Type (Monetary or In-Kind) : **en argent à côté de prestations en nature**

Activity Type (**coordination, survey, marking, clearance, destruction, training, MRE, victim assistance, unspecified, etc.**) : **recherche en appui du déminage humanitaire.**

Program Description : **Durant toute l'année 2007 poursuite de la recherche sur les systèmes de détection multi-senseurs, sur le traitement et la fusion des données et en partie sur la recherche et l'analyse de possibles solutions robotiques en appui du déminage humanitaire. Projet se terminant normalement en 2009.**

Program Recipient : Recherche scientifique "**PARADIS**"

Funding amount (original currency): **51.500**

Implementing Agency : **L'Ecole Royale Militaire coordonne le projet avec l'aide du Service d'enlèvement des engins explosifs (SEDEE-DOVO), en partie au profit de l'ONG APOPO**

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): **Département de la Défense**

Contribution Type (Monetary or In-Kind) : **en argent à côté de prestations en nature**

Activity Type (coordination, survey, marking, clearance, destruction, training, MRE, victim assistance, unspecified, etc.) : recherche en appui du déminage humanitaire.

Program Description : Durant toute l'année 2007, affinement et adaptation du prototype d'assistant rationnel en appui du déminage humanitaire en vue de sa validation; ce système doit permettre une meilleure gestion des opérations de déminage sur base d'images satellites, de cartes, d'informations locales et de la base de données IMSMA et avec la collaboration des utilisateurs finals, d'interpréteurs d'images et de scientifiques.

Essai d'adaptation des systèmes aux besoins et spécificités de la détection de mines par les rats (APOPO)

Development of Standard for Humanitarian Demining

Ministry of Defence (In kind : estimated at 60.000 EUR).

Dr Yann Yvinec from the Royal Military Academy is chairing and leading the CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA 14747-2) on “Soil characterization for metal detector and ground penetrating radar performance” for humanitarian demining applications. The European Commission, regarding the travel costs and the organization of the meetings, funds this project of CEN. It is foreseen that the WGA will be made available in September 2008.

On a regular basis, with the participation of 1 or 2 demining and UXO skilled personnel, Belgium attends meetings relating to Humanitarian Mine Action and organized under the umbrella of :

- CEN work programs : 1 military is a “full-time” member of the CEN WG 126 and its sub-groups (Development of standardisation for Humanitarian Demining).
- NATO working group EOD
- GICHD Review Board for IMAS : 1 military is a “full-time” member of the Board
- EDA working group

and assumes a liaison role between those organizations.

Program Recipient : **International Test and Evaluation Program (ITEP)**

Funding amount (original currency): **85.000 Euro**

Implementing Agency : L'Ecole Royale Militaire.

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Département de la Défense

Contribution Type (Monetary or In-Kind) : en argent à côté de prestations en nature

Activity Type (coordination, survey, marking, clearance, destruction, training, MRE, victim assistance, unspecified, etc.) :

rationalisation des processus d'évaluation pour les tests de nouveaux outils au service du déminage humanitaire.

L'Ecole Royale Militaire intervient en appui de ITEP par sa participation au Comité exécutif et aux divers groupes de travail ainsi que par le financement du secrétariat du programme et son hébergement dans l'enceinte du site de l'Ecole. Du personnel de la Défense est occasionnellement détaché dans le cadre de certains des tests de nouveaux produits en appui du déminage humanitaire.

Contribution to project EC/DG INFSO Project "Space- and Airborn Area Reduction Tools (SMART)"

Ministry of Defence (In kind : estimated at 12.000 EUR).

Continuation of the support to CROMAC

Development of processing algorithms tailored to produce a risk assessment and danger map from context information and data collected above four contaminated areas in Croatia by an airship platform equipped with polarimetric SAR and a multispectral sensor

Royal Military Academy

Program Recipient : **Stagiaires d'Angola, Bénin, Burundi, Jordanie, RDC, Rwanda, Vietnam**

Funding amount (original currency): **100.000 Euro**

Implementing Agency : Service d'enlèvement des engins explosifs (**SEDEE-DOVO**).

Funding Source (Government Ministry or Department): Département de la Défense

Contribution Type (Monetary or In-Kind) : en nature et en argent

Activity Type (coordination, survey, marking, clearance, destruction, training, MRE, victim assistance, unspecified, etc.) : cours de formation en dépollution d'engins non explosés de tous types.

Program Description : Le cours s'adresse à des militaires ayant déjà une formation de base en déminage afin d'en faire de futurs chefs d'équipe en "Explosive Ordnance Device". Cette formation dure près de 4 mois et est dispensée à raison d'un cours en français et un en anglais. Les places disponibles sont limitées et sont proposées sur invitation. Seuls les stagiaires ayant réussi un test en début de formation sont autorisés à poursuivre celle-ci jusqu'au bout.