

**THE 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).
<p><i>In order to regulate its UXO Sector activities, started in 1996, Lao PDR enacted a set of legal texts; they are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Prime Minister’s Decree No. 49/PM dated 13 February 1996 establishing the National Steering Committee of the Trust Fund for UXO Clearance and the Lao National UXO Programme (UXO Lao). UXO Lao is a national clearance operator of unexploded ordnance including APMs.</i> • <i>The Prime Minister’s Decree No. 33/PM dated 17 March 2004 on the Establishment of the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for the UXO Programme in Lao PDR.</i> • <i>The Government’s Resolution No. 01/PM dated 29 April 2004 on National Strategic Plan for the UXO Programme in the Lao PDR 2003-2013 “The Safe Path Forward”.</i> • <i>The National UXO/Mine Action Standards (NS), based on the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), adopted by the National Regulatory Board in 2007.</i> • <i>The Agreement between the Lao Government and UNDP of 20 Octobe 2010 creating MDG 9 on Reducing the Impact of UXO in Laos in accordance with the National Strategic Plan for the UXO sector “The Safe Path Forward II”.</i> • <i>There are some provisions of Penal Sanctions contained in the Penal Code dealing, not with APMs particularly, but with war weapons and explosives, such as:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Illegal Production, Possession and Use of war weapons and explosives (Art. 76); ➤ Illegal Trade of war weapons and explosives (Art. 77); ➤ Robbery, Embezzlement and Looting of war weapons and explosives (Art.78). 	<p>The NRA is an Inter-ministerial body including 9 line Ministries (affected directly or indirectly by the UXO problem), under the Chairmanship of a Deputy Prime Minister, aqnd entrusted with the mandate to control, coordinate and regulate the UXO/Mine Action Sector throughout the country.</p>

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
To be provided when the information is available	To be provided when the information is available		<i>Lao PDR did not and does not produce APMs. It has a small stockpile acquired many years ago for national defence. Now, since the country enjoyed peaceful relationship with all neighbouring countries, it has not acquired new stock of APMs.</i>
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
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
<i>Lao PDR is affected by landmines. During the war, warring factions have laid APMs to protect their respective strongholds, but they did not map them out. From 1964 to 1973, the country was subjected to intense aerial bombardment and land battles, which resulted to the situation that mine-fields were covered by cluster munitions and other UXOs.</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
The 1997 Impact Survey recorded a total	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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

of 2,861 villages or 25% of all villages in Lao PDR reporting UXO contamination either within the residential perimeter of the village, or in immediate outlying areas.

It is estimated that about 87,000 square kilometres or about 37% of the total area of the country are contaminated by UXO, including cluster munitions and landmines. Since the country is mostly affected by cluster munitions, it has placed priority on addressing cluster munitions issues, including the survey and clearance activities. So far no survey on anti-personnel mines has been carried out, therefore the information on the locations of mines field are lacking.

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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
Ministry of Defence	NA	NA		Lao PDR currently retained a small quantity of APMs for the training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction technique.
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>
		"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
Ministry of Defence	NA	NA		<i>Lao PDR has not received transfer of APMs for development and training from anyone and did not transfer APMs to anyone for that purpose.</i>
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
NA	NA	NA		<i>Lao PDR did not transfer APMs to anyone for the purpose of destruction.</i>
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
Lao PDR has no APM production facilities		

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
TOTAL			

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
NA.		<i>From 1/1/ 1996 to 31/12/2010 a total of 6,889 landmines have been destroyed during the course of UXO clearance.</i>
TOTAL		

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
TOTAL			

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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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- [Narrative:] *There is no specific warning about APMs, but only about UXOs that could be also valid for landmines. Since the contaminated areas are so wide (about 87.000 km2) UXO marking signs were set up only at the project areas.*

