



Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4

Article 4 requires each State Party to destroy stockpiled AP mines “as soon as possible” but not later than four years after the entry into force of the Convention for that State Party.

The attached table provides an indication of progress being made in the implementation of this Article and the deadlines for implementation. The following key is used:

	States Parties that have completed stockpile destruction, have never held mine stockpiles <u>or</u> if Article 7 information has not been made available are presumed to not hold stockpiles (based upon other information sources).
	States Parties that are in the process of destroying stockpiles <u>or</u> , if Article 7 information has not been made available, are presumed to have extremely small stockpiles (based upon other information sources).
	States Parties that have not begun stockpile destruction <u>or</u> , if Article 7 information has not been made available (or has not yet been required) are presumed to possess stockpiles and have not yet begun destruction.

This table demonstrates both that implementation of Article 4 is proceeding at a good pace and that some challenges remain:

- By March 1, 2003, 45 States Parties will be required to have completed stockpile destruction. Of these States, 12 are in the process of destroying stockpiled AP mines, have not yet begun stockpile destruction or have not provided sufficient information on whether stockpiles are held:

Croatia	Macedonia, FYR of	Mozambique
Djibouti	Malawi	Namibia
Equatorial Guinea	Mauritius	Turkmenistan
Japan	Moldova	Yemen

- By the end of 2003, 38 additional States Parties will be required to have completed stockpile destruction. Of these States, 16 are in the process of destroying stockpiled AP mines, have not yet begun stockpile destruction or have not provided sufficient information on whether stockpiles are held:

Brazil	Netherlands	Slovenia
Chad	Nicaragua	Thailand
El Salvador	Niger	Uganda
Guinea	Panama	Venezuela
Italy	Portugal	
Jordan	Qatar	

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Note: The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of progress in implementing Article 4. The Convention contains provisions for this information to be provided by States Parties through Article 7, which requires each State Party to report annually on “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.”

In many cases, however, Article 7 information has not been made available or is not up to date. In these situations, the Co-Chairs have made use of the best available information, which in many cases is contained in Landmine Monitor. The Co-Chairs apologize in advance for any errors or omissions and would request that updates be provided to the Co-Chairs in order that corrections can be made.

Deadlines for implementation of Article 4

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Albania ¹	Destruction 85% complete. (Source: GICHD.)																																													
Algeria ²	First Article 7 report not yet due.																																													
Andorra																																														
Antigua and Barbuda	[Green bar]																																													
Argentina ³	Destruction plans have been developed. (Source: Article 7 Report.)																																													
Australia	[Green bar]																																													
Austria	[Green bar]																																													
Bahamas	[Green bar]																																													
Bangladesh ⁴	No Article 7 Report submitted. Landmine Monitor indicates small stockpile held.																																													
Barbados ⁵	[Green bar]																																													
Belgium	[Green bar]																																													
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Benin	[Green bar]																																													
Bolivia	[Green bar]																																													
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Botswana	[Green bar]																																													
Brazil ⁶	Currently elaborating destruction plan. (Source: Art 7 Report.)																																													

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Burkina Faso																																																
Cambodia⁷																																																
Canada																																																
Cape Verde⁸																																																
Chad⁹	No Article 7 report Stockpiles held according to Landmine Monitor.																																															
Chile¹⁰	First Article 7 report not yet due. According to Landmine Monitor, 25,000 AP mines reported in stockpiles.																																															
Colombia¹¹	No Article 7 report submitted. Plan was set to destroy stocks in 2001 but not completed. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)																																															
Congo¹²	First Article 7 report due in April 2002. Landmine Monitor indicates up to 900,000 AP mines held.																																															
Costa Rica																																																
Côte d'Ivoire¹³	No Article 7 report submitted. Department of Defence reported not stocks held to Landmine Monitor.																																															
Croatia¹⁴																																																
Czech Republic																																																
Denmark																																																
Djibouti¹⁵	No Art 7																																															
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Ecuador¹⁷																																																
El Salvador¹⁸	Destruction of small stocks in progress.																																															

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Equatorial Guinea¹⁹	No Art 7																																							
Eritrea²⁰	First Article 7 report not yet due. Up to 450,000 stockpiled AP mines. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)																																							
Fiji																																								
France																																								
Gabon²¹	No Article 7 report submitted.																																							
Germany																																								
Ghana²²	No Article 7 report submitted.																																							
Grenada																																								
Guatemala																																								
Guinea²³	No Art 7 report.																																							
Guinea-Bissau²⁴	First Article 7 report due in April 2002. Size of stockpile unknown. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)																																							
Holy See																																								
Honduras																																								
Hungary²⁵																																								
Iceland²⁶																																								
Ireland																																								
Italy²⁷	Stockpile destruction ongoing.																																							
Jamaica																																								

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Japan²⁸																																								
Jordan²⁹	No 2001 Art 7 report.																																							
Kenya³⁰	No Article 7 report submitted.																																							
Kiribati																																								
Lesotho³¹																																								
Liberia³²	No Article 7 report submitted.																																							
Liechtenstein																																								
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Macedonia, FYR of³³																																								
Madagascar																																								
Malawi³⁴																																								
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Maldives³⁶																																								
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Malta³⁷	First Article 7 report not yet due. Not presumed to have stockpiles. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)																																							
Mauritania³⁸	No Article 7 report submitted. Some stockpiled destruction has occurred. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)																																							
Mauritius³⁹	No Art 7																																							
Mexico																																								

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Moldova ⁴⁰	No Article 7 report submitted. According to Landmine Monitor stocks are not large.																																							
Monaco	[Green bar]																																							
Mozambique ⁴¹	[Yellow bar]																																							
Namibia ⁴²	No Art 7																																							
Nauru ⁴³	[Green bar]																																							
Netherlands ⁴⁴	Very few AP mines remain. (Source: Article 7)																																							
New Zealand	[Green bar]																																							
Nicaragua ⁴⁵	[Yellow bar]																																							
Niger ⁴⁶	No Article 7 report submitted.																																							
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Niue	[Green bar]																																							
Norway	[Green bar]																																							
Panama ⁴⁸	No Art 7 report.																																							
Paraguay	[Green bar]																																							
Peru ⁴⁹	[Green bar]																																							
Philippines	[Green bar]																																							
Portugal ⁵⁰	Destruction to have begun in April 2001.																																							
Qatar ⁵¹	No Art 7 report.																																							

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Tajikistan ⁶²	No Article 7 report submitted.																																															
Tanzania ⁶³	No Article 7 report submitted.																																															
Thailand ⁶⁴	Dest. plans in place.																																															
Togo ⁶⁵	No Article 7 report submitted. Landmine Monitor indicates stockpile is very small.																																															
Trinidad and Tobago ⁶⁶																																																
Tunisia ⁶⁷	No Article 7 report submitted.																																															
Turkmenistan ⁶⁸	No Article 7 report submitted.																																															
Uganda ⁶⁹	No Article 7 report. LM reports stockpiles.																																															
United Kingdom																																																
Uruguay ⁷⁰	First Article 7 report not yet due. Landmine Monitor reports destruction ongoing.																																															
Venezuela ⁷¹	No Article 7 report submitted. Stockpile size unknown. (LM)																																															
Yemen ⁷²																																																
Zambia ⁷³	First Article 7 report due January 2002.																																															
Zimbabwe																																																

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Endnotes:

- ¹ Albania: Article 7 Report not submitted. Involvement with Partnership for Peace, with scheduled completion date of April 2002.
- ² Algeria has not yet had to submit an Article 7 and there is no information on whether it has a stockpile.
- ³ Argentina: Plans have been developed, and a commitment made in Article 7 report for completion by deadline.
- ⁴ Bangladesh: Initial Article 7 report not submitted (August 2001). An official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has indicated to LM that stockpiles are small. (Landmine Monitor Report 2001).
- ⁵ Barbados: No Article 7 Reports submitted, but is assumed that Barbados does not have stockpiles. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)
- ⁶ Brazil: Article 7 report of April 2001 indicates, "The Ministry of Defense is currently elaborating a "National Plan for the Destruction of Anti-Personnel Landmines". The destruction of the stockpiled landmines (ie, those not retained for Article III purposes) will commence upon completion of the Plan and will strictly conform to the deadlines set forth by Article IV of the Mine Ban Convention."
- ⁷ Cambodia: Stockpile destruction was originally reported as completed in 1999. The most recent Article 7 report (submitted 2001) indicates an investigation of stockpile destruction is ongoing by the landmine authority, as additional stockpiles have been discovered. National legislation exists to enforce the four year deadline for completion.
- ⁸ Cape Verde: First Article 7 Report not due until April 2002. Landmine Monitor Report 2001 cites an interview with Luis Dupret, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, indicating no stockpiles are maintained by Cape Verde.
- ⁹ Chad: No Article 7 reports have been submitted. Chad is believed to hold sizable stockpiles (Landmine Monitor 2001).
- ¹⁰ Chile has not yet had to submit an Article 7 report Landmine Monitor has presumed that it has a stockpile.
- ¹¹ Colombia: Initial Article 7 report not submitted (due August 2001). Landmine Monitor (2001) reported that a plan was set to destroy stockpiles by May 20, 2001. Landmine Monitor reported that the Armed Forces have 18,294 AP mines.
- ¹² Congo: First Article 7 report due 30 April 2002. According to Landmine Monitor (2001), between 700,000 and 900,000 AP mines reportedly stockpiled.
- ¹³ Côte D'Ivoire: No Article 7 report submitted. LM Monitor Report 2001 cites an interview with Col. Globo Guie of the Department of Defense, indicating no stocks of APMs.
- ¹⁴ Croatia: Stockpile destruction underway (update from Croatia to the Co Chairs of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction). Article 7 reports all submitted.
- ¹⁵ Djibouti: No Article 7 reports submitted. According to Landmine Monitor numbers in stockpiles unknown; no indications of a plan.
- ¹⁶ Dominica: No Article 7 Reports submitted. Landmine Monitor Report 2001 cites response to a LM questionnaire from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Dominica indicating no stockpiles were ever maintained.
- ¹⁷ Announcement of completion of stockpile destruction at the Third Meeting of States Parties, September 2001.
- ¹⁸ El Salvador: Article 7 report of August 2001 indicates 5,408 mines in stockpiles with 1,291 having been destroyed.
- ¹⁹ Equatorial Guinea: No Article 7 reports submitted. LM 2001 cites an interview with Ambassador Pedro Edjang Mba Medja, the official in charge of the Ottawa Convention process for Equatorial Guinea, at Bamako Seminar, indicating no stockpiles are held.
- ²⁰ Eritrea has not yet had to submit an Article 7 report. Landmine Monitor (2001) indicates up to 450,000 AP mines in stockpiles.
- ²¹ Gabon: No Article 7 report submitted. At Bamako Seminar in February 2001, a representative stated that Gabon maintains no stockpile of APMs; but a previous statement from an MFA official indicated that some mines had been retained for training and research (numbers unknown). (Source: Landmine Monitor.)
- ²² Ghana: First Article 7 report has not been submitted. At Bamako Seminar in February 2001, a representative of Ghana's military told LM that Ghana holds no stockpile of mines.
- ²³ Guinea: No Article 7 reports submitted. Landmine Monitor Report 2001 reports that Guinea is "one of the few countries...that has not publicly acknowledged whether or not it maintains a stockpile of antipersonnel mines", and indicates that LM has received contradictory information from representatives.
- ²⁴ Guinea-Bissau: Initial Article 7 report due 30 April 2002. According to Landmine Monitor size of stocks unknown.
- ²⁵ Hungary: Stockpiles destroyed (Article 7 Reports). Landmine Monitor Report 2001 reports that close to 17,000 AP mines were destroyed after entry into force (12-14 May 1999).
- ²⁶ Iceland: Article 7 reports not submitted. The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the OSCE in January 2001 reported that Iceland has never possessed AP mines.
- ²⁷ Italy: Destruction ongoing, and national legislation requiring destruction to be completed by November 2002. (Source: Landmine Monitor 2001.)
- ²⁸ Japan: Destruction is ongoing, with plans for completion by end of February 2003 (LM 2001 and Article 7 report).
- ²⁹ Jordan: Article 7 for 2001 not submitted. Previous Article 7 indicated plans to complete destruction by September 2001.

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- ³⁰ Kenya: Initial Article 7 report due 28 December 2001 does not appear on UNDDA web site. Existence, size and plans for stockpiles not contained in Landmine Monitor.
- ³¹ Lesotho: An Article 7 report was submitted in August 2000 stating that Lesotho has no stockpiles of AP mines.
- ³² Liberia: No Article 7 reports submitted. Size of stockpiles unknown, and there has been no destruction reported since 1999. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)
- ³³ Macedonia: Article 7 not submitted since 1999 which indicated, “The Republic of Macedonia is in a process of preparing a comprehensive programme on destruction of stockpiled mines.”
- ³⁴ Malawi: Article 7 reports have not been submitted. Correspondence between LM and the Malawi Army Spokesperson indicates that Malawi only retains “inert dummy mines” (LM Report 2001).
- ³⁵ Malaysia: Based on Landmine Monitor Report 2001 citation of statement by Raja Reza of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia in Geneva and co-chair of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction: all AP mines of Malaysia’s were destroyed 15-30 January 2001. Article 7 Report for 2001 still outstanding.
- ³⁶ Maldives: Article 7 report has not been submitted. In 1997, Maldives Ambassador told the UNGA that Maldives has never stockpiled AP mines. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)
- ³⁷ Malta: First Article 7 transparency report due April 2002. Malta is not believed to possess AP mines. (Source: Landmine Monitor 2001.)
- ³⁸ Mauritania: Article 7 report not submitted. The National Humanitarian Demining Office has indicated that stockpiles have been destroyed over the past three years (LM Report 2001).
- ³⁹ Mauritius: Article 7 reports not submitted. The Mauritius Police Force indicated to LM that it is in the possession of an undeclared number of mines for training and research. (LM Report 2001)
- ⁴⁰ Moldova: Article 7 report not submitted (due 28 August 2001). Stocks are not large, and discussions have occurred with NATO Partnership for Peace program for an MOU with NAMSA which should facilitate destruction of stocks (Landmine Monitor Report 2001).
- ⁴¹ Mozambique: Article 7 report dated 30 October 2001 does not indicate that stockpile destruction has commence. Initial public destruction scheduled for August 2001 (LM Report 2001).
- ⁴² Namibia: Article 7 reports not submitted. Namibian officials have stated that stockpiles were destroyed by May 1998, and that Namibia continues to destroy all APMs captured from UNITA arms depots (LM Report 2001).
- ⁴³ Nauru: Article 7 report not submitted but it presumed Nauru does not have a stockpile.
- ⁴⁴ Netherlands: Remaining AP mines are in cluster bomb units, scheduled for destruction before October 1 2003 (Article 7 Report April 2001).
- ⁴⁵ Nicaragua: Scheduled for completion by December 2002 (Article 7 Report from May 2001).
- ⁴⁶ Niger: No Article 7 reports submitted; no information on stockpile size; no plans. (Source: Landmine Monitor 2001.)
- ⁴⁷ Nigeria has not yet had to submit an Article 7 report. Landmine Monitor (2001) reported that “the Nigerian antipersonnel mine inventory (if any) will remain ‘classified information’ until Nigeria joins the treaty.”
- ⁴⁸ Panama: Article 7 reports not submitted.
- ⁴⁹ Peru: Announced completion of stockpile destruction at the Third Meeting of States Parties.
- ⁵⁰ Portugal: Stockpile destruction was to begin April 2001 (Source: Article 7 report of April 30, 2001).
- ⁵¹ Qatar: Article 7 Reports not submitted. An official of the military indicated that Qatar only has a small amount of mines for training purposes (LM Report 2001).
- ⁵² Romania: Stockpile destruction commenced August 28, 2001.
- ⁵³ Saint Lucia: Article 7 Reports not submitted. In February 1999, the Permanent Secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade provided a response to a LM questionnaire, indicating that Saint Lucia has never stockpiled AP mines.
- ⁵⁴ Saint Vincent has not yet had to submit an Article 7 report. Landmine Monitor (2001) has reported that Saint Vincent does not have a stockpile.
- ⁵⁵ Samoa: Article 7 reports not submitted. Samoa’s delegate to the UN Asia-Pacific Regional Disarmament Conference stated that Samoa has never stockpiled AP mines. (Source: Landmine Monitor 2001.)
- ⁵⁶ San Marino: Article 7 reports not submitted. Landmine Monitor (2001) has reported that San Marino does not have a stockpile.
- ⁵⁷ Seychelles: Article 7 report not submitted. An official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated in an e-mail to LM in June 2001 that Seychelles has no stockpile of AP mines. (LM Report 2001)

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- ⁵⁸ Sierra Leone: Initial Article 7 report due March 2002. LM Report 2001 notes that numbers retained by Sierra Leone are very small (900) but are not specifically noted to be for research and training.
- ⁵⁹ Slovenia: Ambassador announced at May 2001 Standing Committee meeting on Stockpile Destruction that all remaining stockpiles would be destroyed by end of 2001 (LM Report 2001).
- ⁶⁰ Solomon Islands: Article 7 reports not submitted but it is presumed that the Solomon Islands does not have a stockpile. (Source: Landmine Monitor 2001.)
- ⁶¹ Sweden: April 2001 Article 7 report indicated that stocks would be destroyed by end of 2001. In December 2001, Sweden reported to the CCW that this has been done.
- ⁶² Tajikistan: Article 7 reports not submitted. According to Landmine Monitor (2001), “it appears that Tajikistan has stockpiles of antipersonnel mines.”
- ⁶³ Tanzania: Initial Article 7 report not submitted (due 28 October 2001). According to Landmine Monitor, Tanzania “has not revealed whether or not it currently maintains a stockpile of antipersonnel mines.”
- ⁶⁴ Thailand: Plans for ongoing and continued destruction outlined in most recent Article 7 report, at the SC on Stockpile Destruction in May 2001, and in correspondence from the military to TCBL in May 2001 (LM Report 2001).
- ⁶⁵ Togo: Article 7 report not submitted. Togo has a “small” number of mines for training, but has not reported on numbers (LM Report 2000).
- ⁶⁶ Trinidad and Tobago: In July 2000, the Assistant Chief Parliamentary Counsel indicated in a telephone interview with Landmine Monitor that Trinidad and Tobago has never stockpiled AP mines.
- ⁶⁷ Tunisia: Article 7 report not submitted in 2001. Previous year’s report indicated 17,575 AP mines.
- ⁶⁸ Turkmenistan: Article 7 report includes an apparent request to extend deadline for stockpile destruction.
- ⁶⁹ Uganda: Article 7 reports not submitted. LM Report 2001 reports that a large number of AP mines are ready for destruction. At TMSP Uganda reported on a “national drive” to collect all existing landmines in Uganda for future destruction.
- ⁷⁰ Uruguay has not yet had to submit an Article 7 report but Landmine Monitor indicates that stockpile destruction is in progress.
- ⁷¹ Venezuela: Article 7 reports not submitted; stockpile size and plans unknown. (Source: Landmine Monitor.)
- ⁷² Yemen: Article 7 report for 2000/2001 and LM Report 2001 indicate assistance required for Yemen to complete stockpile destruction.
- ⁷³ Zambia: Initial Article 7 report due January 2002. LM Report 2001 assumes a small stockpile.