

ARTICLE 7 REPORTING

June 2005

Standing Committee Meetings
of the Mine Ban Convention
Geneva , 13-17 June 2005

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Out of Nairobi

- Article 7 Mine Ban Convention
- Final Report of the First Review
Conference of the States Parties to the
Convention:
 - Review of the Operation and Status
 - The Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009
 - The 2004 Nairobi Declaration
- Appeal by the Contact Group on Article 7

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Article 7

- Each State Party shall report to the Secretary General of the United Nations as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than 180 days after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party on steps taken to implement different aspects of the Convention.
- Thereafter, States Parties are obliged to report annually, by 30th April, on the preceding calendar year.

Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009

- « All States Parties will fulfil their obligations to annually update Article 7 transparency reports and maximise reporting as a tool to assist in implementation, particularly in cases where States Parties must still destroy stockpiled mines, clear mined areas, assist mine victims or take legal or other measures referred to in Article 9 »

Article 7 Contact Group Appeal in 2004

« To complete and submit an Article 7 report is a small step for your administration. But each Article 7 report is a leap forward for the promotion of the implementation of the Mine Ban Convention and its humanitarian aims »

Article 7 : Initial Reports Compliance rate

- ☛ June 2005: 143 reports due
- ☛ 139 initial reports received
- ☛ Late initial reports : 4
- ☛ Compliance rate: 97 %

Art 7: Initial Reports: detail 1

☞ New initial reports since the Nairobi Summit:

- Estonia
- Papua New Guinea
- Saint Lucia

Art 7: Initial Reports: detail 2

☞ Late reporting = non-compliance

☞ Evolution:

- 2002: 30
- 2003: 16
- June 2004: 12
- December 2004: 5
- June 2005: 4

Art 7: Initial Reports: detail 3

☛ Late (Art 7 + Art 4)(*) ☛ Late (Art 7)

- Due since 1999
 - Equatorial Guinea

- Due since 2002
 - Cape Verde

(*):no report art7 = ? Stockpiles
(stockpile destruction deadline)

- Due since 2004
 - Sao Tomé & Principe
 - Guyana

Art 7: New deadlines before 6MSP

☛ States Parties with deadlines for *initial*
reports before the next Meeting of
States Parties in Zagreb (Croatia): 1

- Ethiopia (28 November 2005)

Article 7 Annual reports Compliance rate

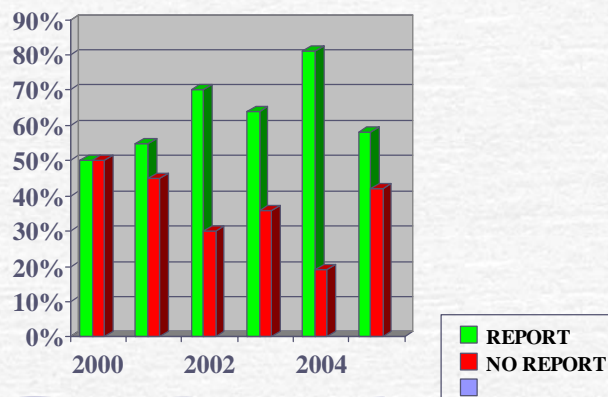
- ☛ June 2005: 83 reports received (*)
- ☛ Reports due: 143
- ☛ Compliance rate:
 - June 2004: 58 %

(*) status on the last day of the intersessional meetings.

EVOLUTION ANNUAL REPORTING

*Reports submitted
in relation to
the number of
reports required
for a calendar
year*

- ☛ 2000: 50 %
- ☛ 2001: 55 %
- ☛ 2002: 70 %
- ☛ 2003: 64 %
- ☛ 2004: 81 %
- ☛ 2005: 58 % (*)
(*) (June 2005)



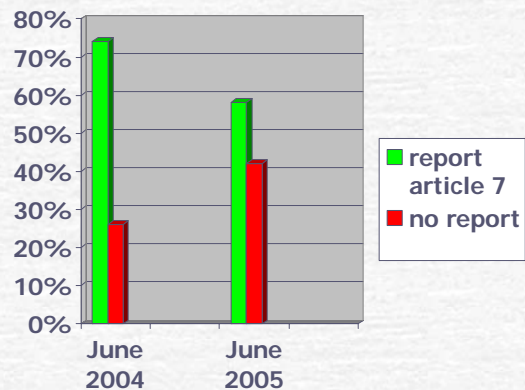
Annual reporting June 2004 versus June 2005

Intersessional meeting June 2004

- 74 % of reports received

Intersessional meeting June 2005

- 58 % of reports received



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Article 7 Voluntary Reports

Voluntary reports received

- In 2003: 2
- In 2004: 2
- In 2005: 3 (*)

- (*) from :Poland, Latvia and Sri Lanka

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Article 7 Challenges to 6MSP

« Towards full compliance »

- Initial reports
 - 4
- Annual reports
 - Completing the picture

« Reinforcing the humanitarian norm »

- Voluntary reports
 - UNGA Resolution
 - Participating States in the Intersessional Meetings

The 6MSP challenge: Initial reports

« implement your legal obligation »

- 4 States Parties late in submitting initial reports:
do comply with your commitments before the opening of the next Meeting of States Parties in Croatia
- 1 State Party with pending deadline:
*meet the deadline ,
use your right to assistance if needed ,
and join the overwhelming majority of States Parties*

6MSP:Annual reports-Proposal

For inclusion in the Zagreb Progress Report

- ☛ States Parties that have submitted an annual report in 2005 (*):
 - State Party A
 - ...
 - State Party Z
- ☛ States Parties that have so far not submitted an annual report in 2005:
 - State Party A
 - ...
 - State Party Z

« complete the picture »

(*) state of play on 17th June 2005

6MSP:Voluntary reports

« Join the humanitarian norm »

- ☛ Voluntary reports 2004
- ☛ Non States Parties participating in the
Intersessional Meetings
- ☛ Non States Parties & UNGA Resolution
- ☛ Other Non States Parties

CONCLUSION

- Implementation of the Nairobi Action Plan
- Only possible with information and views from States through both formal and informal mechanisms
- Opportunities