



**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES RETAINING ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3**

**Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention  
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**Background:**

The *Nairobi Action Plan* notes that “transparency and the open exchange of information have been essential pillars on which the Convention’s practices, procedures and tradition of partnership have been built,” and, that “the States Parties recognize that transparency and effective information exchange will be equally crucial to fulfilling their obligations during the period 2005-2009.”<sup>1</sup> To this end, the States Parties agreed to a number of actions, including Action #54, which states that “all States Parties will (...) in situations where States Parties have retained mines in accordance with the exceptions in Article 3, provide 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.”

**Questions:**

States Parties retaining mines for permitted purposes may wish to make use of Form D of the Article 7 reporting format (attached) to volunteer additional information in the context of Action #54. Those States Parties providing such information will be acknowledged by the Co-Chairs at the meeting of the Standing Committee.

Another option available to States Parties is to make presentations to the Standing Committee, responding to questions such as the following with respect to the mines retained in accordance with Article 3:

1. What are the reasons for changes / not changes in quantity and type of mines retained by your State since Eighth Meeting of the States Parties?
2. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
  - (a) the mine detection, clearance or destruction techniques that have been / are being developed?
  - (b) the mine detection, clearance or destruction training that has been carried out?
  - (c) the number of personnel trained and to what standard?
3. What are your State’s plans for the further development of mine detection, clearance or detection techniques and further training which would result in the use of mines retained under Article 3?

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<sup>1</sup> *Nairobi Action Plan*, paragraph 7.

**Article 7 Report Format – Form D: AP mines retained and 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"

State \_\_\_\_\_ reporting for time \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Party]: \_\_\_\_\_ period from \_\_\_\_\_

**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
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
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
TOTAL	----- -----			