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

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Agenda

- 1. Introduction***
- 2. Answers to the questions contained in the Questionnaire in accordance with Article III***
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Introduction (1)

- ***Project for destruction of APM in accordance with Article IV of Ottawa Convention is realized on the basis of Agreement between the Ministry of Defense of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro and NATO Agency-NAMSA on 26th February 2005 and Contract number : LU/UM/4500137147 on 28th March 2005.***
- ***Direct executives of the Project were Repairs and Maintenance Institute (TRZ) in Kragujevac and military company "Prva Iskra-Baric". TRZ Kragujevac carried out mine destruction by delaboration (mine decomposition), and military company "Prva Iskra-Baric" carried out conversion of military into industrial explosive.***



Introduction (2)

- ***Period for Project realization was 27 months, and deadline was 31st May 2007. The last APM was destroyed on 7th May 2007.***
- ***Donations for Project realization was given by 11 countries, leading countries being Canada and Austria. The Project was also financed by Bulgaria, Hungary, Ireland, Sweden, Swiss, Germany, Norway, Spain, Czech Republic, Holland and others.***
- ***The Republic of Serbia destroyed by the process of delaboration, the total amount of 1.404.819 APM, 1.393.313 of which belonged to Army of S&M and 11.506 APM were taken over by the Ministry of Interior.***



Introduction (3)

- *From total amount of destroyed APM, on the territory of Montenegro 199.387 APM were located, and all of them have been delivered and destroyed in Repairs and Maintenance Institute (TRZ) in Kragujevac.*
- *The total amount of the Project was 1.689.996 €, and Contract amount was 1.350.343 €.*



Answers to the questions contained in the questionnaire in accordance with the Article III (1)

- 1. After the mines were stored, they have not been used for any training not they have been used for any other reason.*

Mines retained in accordance with Article III of Convention are stored in depots at 3 locations in the Republic of Serbia.

There have been no changes concerning the quantity and type of mines retained.



**Answers to the questions
contained in the questionnaire in
accordance with the Article III (2)**

2.(a) APM which have been retained for the needs of system defense of the Republic of Serbia have been retained for the purpose of organizing personnel training for probable engagement in UN peace operations, protection equipment testing and mine detectors.

Retained mines have not been used or are not being used for the mine detection, clearance or destruction techniques.



**Answers to the questions
contained in the questionnaire in
accordance with the Article III (3)**

2.(b) International Trust fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance and the Government Centre for Demining of the Republic of Serbia organized and carried out Basic Demining and Battle Area Clearance Course from 10th December 2007 to 21st March 2008 in Ruma, the Republic of Serbia.

The training was carried out using different types of exercise mines and ammunition and exercise artillery ammunition, provided by the MOD.



**Answers to the questions
contained in the questionnaire in
accordance with the Article III (4)**

2.(c) Thirty-five participants completed Basic Demining and battle area clearance Course in accordance with International Standards for Humanitarian Demining.

Plus, seven (7) of them showed best results and completed additional course for Team-Leaders for Bomb Disposal Officers.



**Answers to the questions
contained in the questionnaire in
accordance with the Article III (5)**

3. Retained quantity of APM in accordance with Article III will be used for personnel training for possible engagement in UN peace operations, protection equipment testing and mine detectors.

Currently, there are no plans or projects for the use of retained APM for this purpose.

In case there should appear some changes concerning this matter, you will be regularly informed through Annual Report in accordance with Article VII.



Article 7. Report Format - Form D
APM retained and transferred
(1)

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"

State (Party): REPUBLIC OF SERBIA reporting for time period from 01.07.2007 to 31.12.2007

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



Article 7. Report Format - Form D
APM retained and transferred
(2)

Article 7.1a
Supplementary Information

- **Retained APM under Article III are properly stored and secured at 3 locations/depots in the Republic of Serbia. Two of them belong to the MOD RS and 5.104 APM are stored there, and the remaining 461 belong to the MOI RS.**
- **Lot (if possible) 1.a**
- **Two (2) depots are situated in the south of Serbia and one (1) depot is in the central part of Serbia.**



**Article 7. Report Format - Form D
APM retained and transferred
(3)**

1b. *Voluntary information (Action #54 Nairobi Action Plan)*

*Retained APM under Article III have not been
used for above mentioned purposes.*



**Article 7. Report Format - Form D
APM Transferred for development of and
training in (4)**

Form D (continued)

2. *Compulsory:* Transferred for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)



Article 7. Report Format - Form D
APM Transferred for the purpose of destruction
(5)

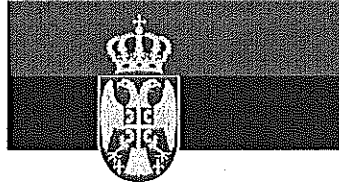
3. *Compulsory*: Transferred for the purpose of destruction (Article 3, para.2)



Conclusion

- *Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Serbia, in accordance with Article IV destroyed majority of APM, which is demonstrated by impressive figures of APM destruction.*
- *Retained APM in accordance with Article III are properly stored and secured at 3 locations/depots in the Republic of Serbia and they will be used for personnel training for possible engagement in UN operations, protection equipment testing and mine detectors.*
- *Also, Republic of Serbia is determined to respect and implement international commitments towards UN and cooperate with relevant international organizations and countries in the area APM.*





Thank you for your attention !

QUESTIONS?