

# ARTICLE 7 REPORTING

- May 12th 2006 -

**Week of the Standing Committee  
Meetings**

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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 »

# Zagreb Progress Report

- ☛ « Given the progress made in 2005, in the period leading to the next Meeting of States Parties priorities should be as follows:
  - (i) All States Parties should continue to be reminded of, and comply with, their annual reporting obligations in accordance with Article 7, and in particular, those States Parties that are in the process of destroying stockpiled mines in accordance with Article 4, those that are in the process of clearing mined areas in accordance with Article 5, those that have decided to retain antipersonnel mines in accordance with Article 3, those undertaking measures in accordance with Article 9 »

# Article 7 : Initial Reports

## Compliance rate ( May 12th 2006)

- ☛ May 2006: 144 initial reports due
- ☛ 139 initial reports received
- ☛ Late initial reports : 6
- ☛ Compliance rate: 96,5%

# Art 7: Initial Reports: detail 1

- ☛ New initial reports since the Zagreb Meeting:
  - Cameroon
  - Latvia

# Art 7: Initial Reports: detail 2

☞ Late initial reporting = non-compliance

☞ Evolution:

- 2002: 30
- 2003: 16
- 2004: 5
- 2005: 6
- May 2006: 6

☞ Zagreb Progress Report: « All SP that have not yet provided an initial transparency report in accordance with Article 7, particularly given the need for those SP to confirm the presence or absence of stockpiled anti-personnel mines and mined areas, should be urged to comply with their transparency obligations »

# Art 7: Initial Reports: detail 3

## ☞ Late (Art 7 + Art 4)(\*)

- Due since 1999
  - Equatorial Guinea
- Due since 2002
  - Cape Verde

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

## ☞ Late (Art 7)

- Due since 2004
  - Sao Tomé & Principe
  - Guyana
- Due since 2005
  - Ethiopia

### • *Note:*

**Gambia: submitted a voluntary report before it ratified the Convention, but no report since.**



# Art 7: New deadlines in 2006

- States Parties with a deadline for initial reports before the next Meeting of States Parties in Geneva: 3
  - Latvia: 30 June (already submitted !)
  - Bhutan: 31 July
  - Vanuatu: 28 August
- Other States Parties with a deadline for initial reports in 2006, but after 7MSP in Geneva: 1
  - Ukraine: 28 November

# Article 7 Annual reports

## Compliance rate

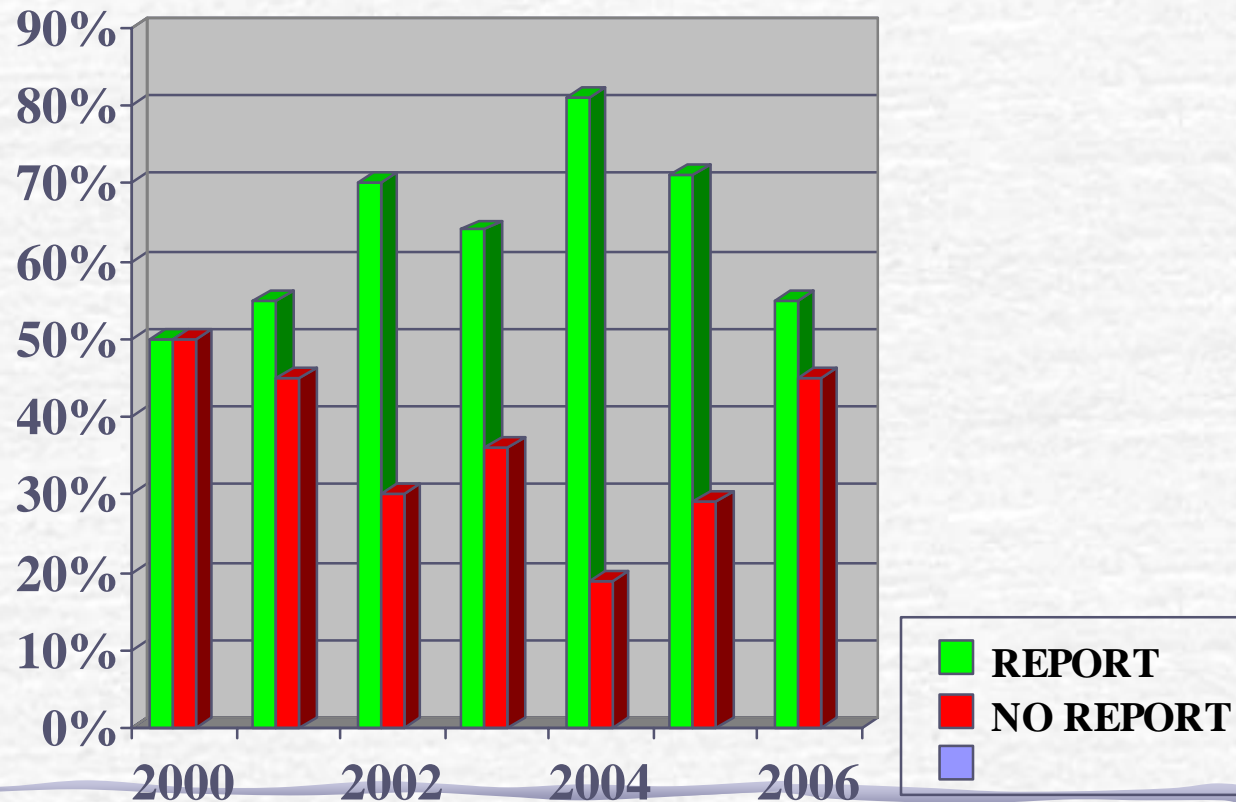
- ☞ May 2006: 79 reports received (\*)
- ☞ Reports due: 144
- ☞ Compliance rate:
  - On May 12th: 55 %

**(\*) Provisional figure at the last day of the intersessional meetings.  
(based on information available on May 12th)**

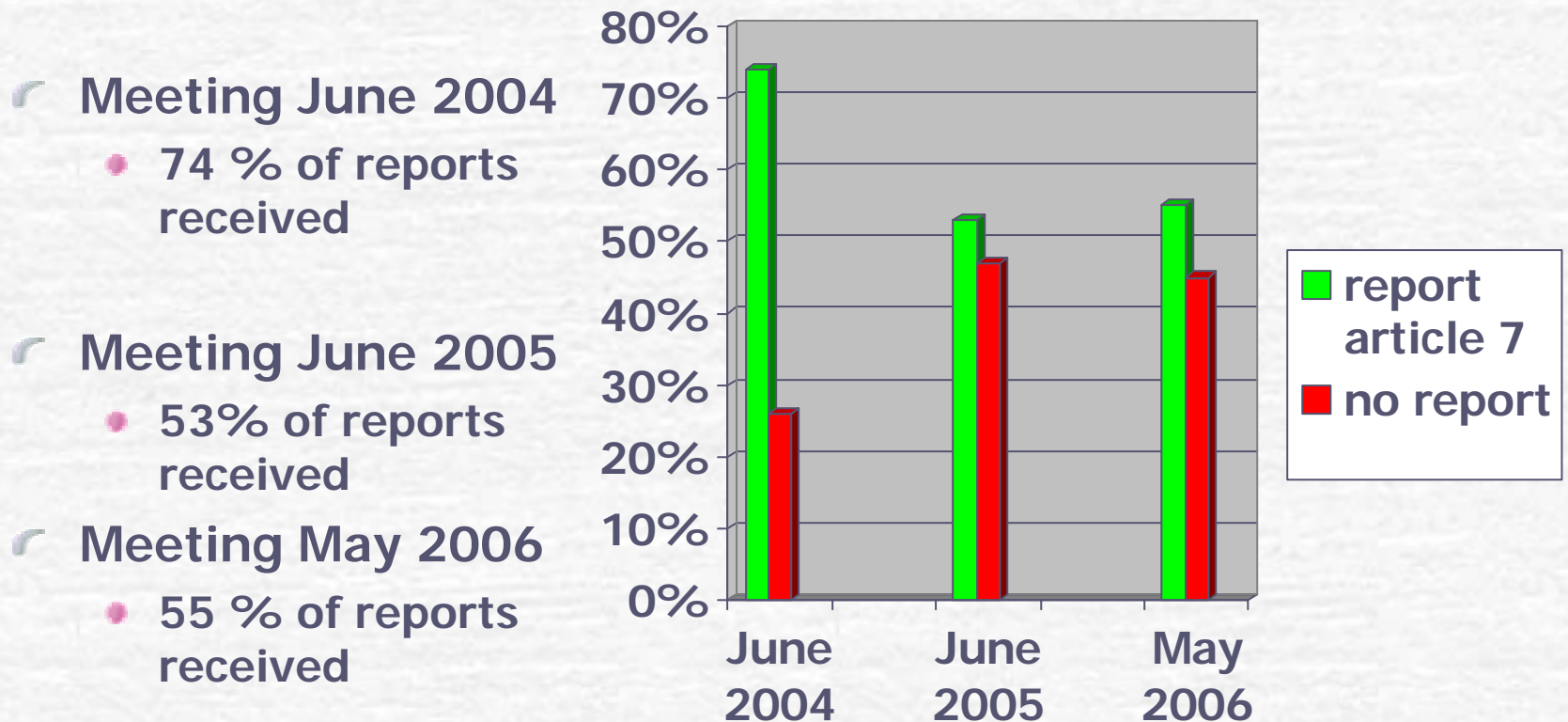
# EVOLUTION ANNUAL REPORTING

*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: 71 %
  - ✓ 2006: 55 %(\*)
- (\*)(May 2006)



# Annual reporting at the moment of the Intersessional meetings *(June 2004, June 2005, May 2006)*



# Article 7 Voluntary Reports

## Voluntary reports received

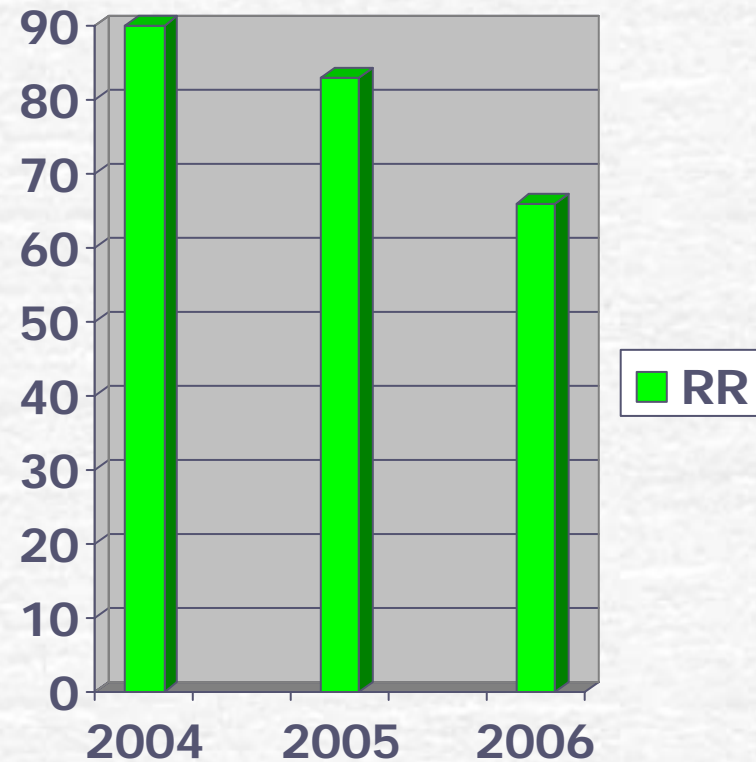
- In 2003: 2
- In 2004: 2
- In 2005: 3
- In 2006: 1 (\*)

- (\*) from Poland (signatory state)

# Article 7 reporting on implementation of Article 4

Article 7 reporting by SP in the process of destroying stockpiled APM in accordance with Article 4 since the Review Conference:

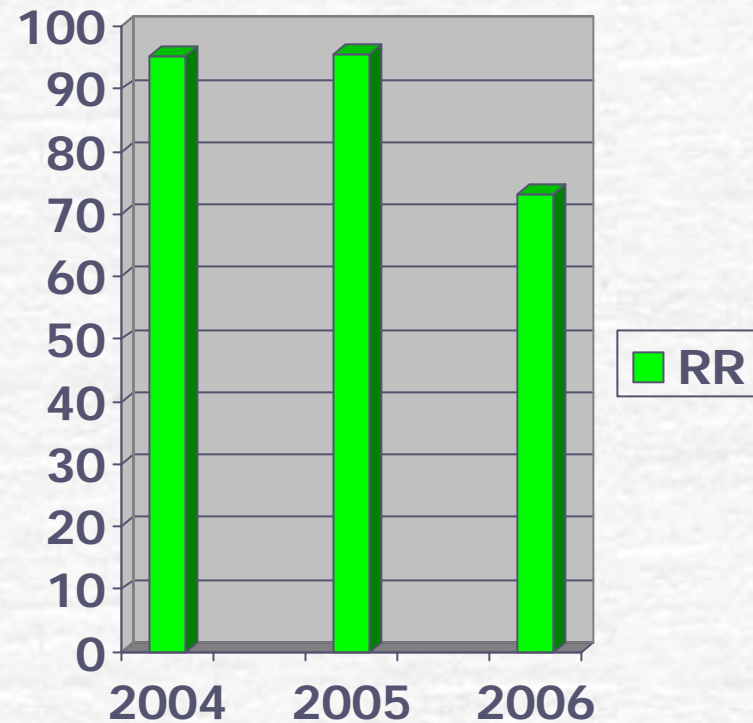
- 2004
  - Reports due: 11
  - Submitted: 10
  - Reporting rate: 90,9%
- 2005
  - Reports due: 12
  - Submitted: 10
  - Reporting rate: 83,3%
- 2006
  - Reports due 12
  - Submitted (May): 8
  - Reporting rate: 66%



# Article 7 reporting on implementation of Article 5

Article 7 reporting by SP in the process of clearing mined areas in accordance with Article 5 since the Review Conference:

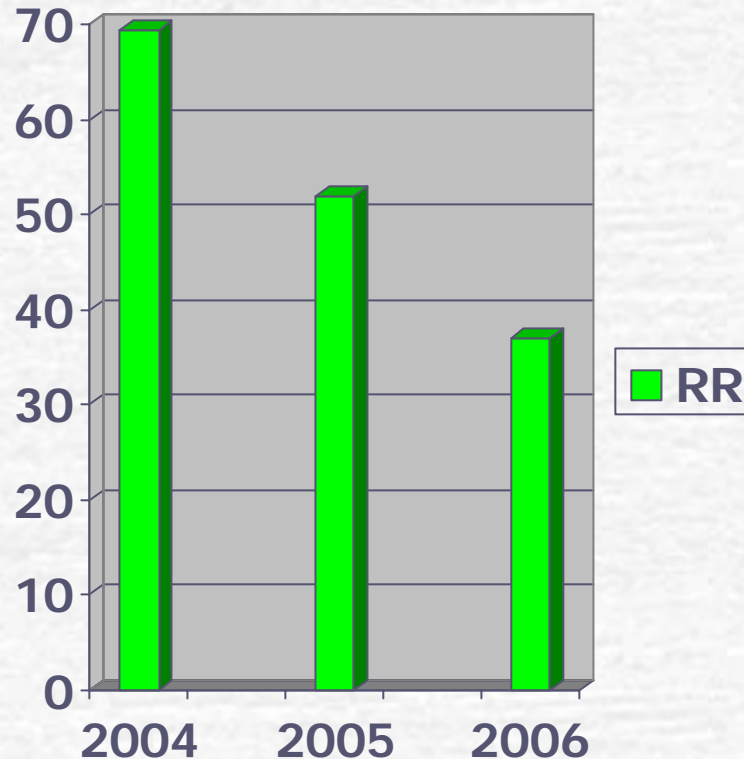
- 2004
  - Reports due: 44
  - Submitted: 42
  - Reporting rate: 95,4%
- 2005
  - Reports due: 45
  - Submitted: 43
  - Reporting rate: 95,5%
- 2006
  - Reports due 45
  - Submitted (May): 33
  - Reporting rate: 73,3%



# Article 7 reporting on implementation of Article 9

Article 7 reporting by SP in the process of undertaking measures in accordance with Article 9 since the Review Conference:

- 2004
  - Reports due: 72
  - Submitted: 50
  - Reporting rate: 69,4%
- 2005
  - Reports due: 73
  - Submitted: 38
  - Reporting rate: 52%
- 2006
  - Reports due 73
  - Submitted (May): 27
  - Reporting rate: 37%

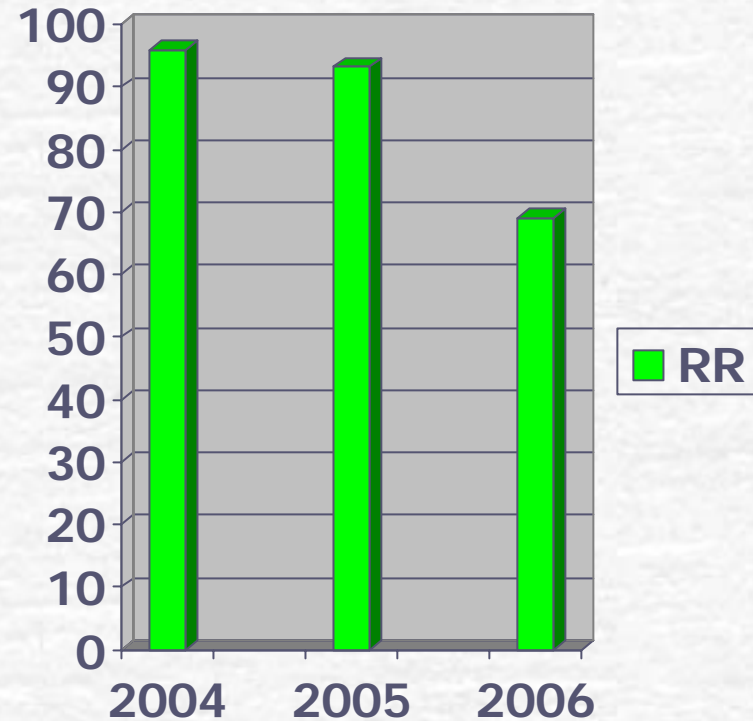




# Article 7 reporting on implementation of Article 3

Reporting by SP that have decided to retain APM in accordance with Article 3 since the Review Conference:

- 2004
  - Due: 74
  - Submitted: 71
  - Reporting rate: 95,9%
- 2005
  - Due: 74
  - Submitted: 69
  - Reporting rate: 93,2%
- 2006
  - Due 74
  - Submitted (May): 51
  - Reporting rate: 69%



# 7MSP: Annual reports in 2006

## For inclusion in the Geneva Progress Report

- ☞ States Parties that have submitted an annual report in 2006 (\*):
  - *State Party A*
  - ...
  - ...
  - *State Party Z*
- ☞ States Parties that have so far not submitted an annual report in 2006:
  - *State Party A*
  - ...
  - ...
  - *State Party Z*

« complete the picture »

(\* *state of play on 12th May 2006*)

# Article 7 Challenges to 7MSP

## « Towards full compliance »

- Initial reports (implementing a legal obligation)
  - 6
- Annual reports
  - Completing the picture

## « Reinforcing the humanitarian norm »

- Voluntary reports
  - States not Parties participating in the Intersessional Meetings

## « Meeting minimum quality standards »

# CONCLUSION

- Implementation of the Nairobi Action Plan
- Meeting the priorities set in the Zagreb Progress Report for the period leading to the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties
- Only possible with information and views from States through both formal and informal mechanisms
- Opportunities