

# Amendments to the Geneva Progress Report 2012-2013<sup>1</sup>

## Sections #1-5

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### Section #1: Introduction, Universalization, Stockpile Destruction

#### Stockpile Destruction

#### Paragraph 13

Amend the third sentence to read as follows:

As well since the 12MSP, Guinea-Bissau did not report the destruction of previously unknown stocks of anti-personnel mines and South Sudan indicated that in fact its declaration of the discovery of previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines was an error.

The number of States Parties for which the obligation to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines remains relevant should be six.

The number of States Parties which now no longer hold stocks of anti-personnel mines should be 155.

Paragraph 13 should now read:

Since the 12MSP, Belarus, Greece, and Ukraine continued their efforts to ensure the destruction of their stockpiles. In addition since the 12MSP, Finland reported on its stockpile destruction efforts and the Convention entered into force for Poland, which had previously indicated a need to destroy stocks. As well since the 12MSP, Guinea-Bissau did not report the destruction of previously unknown stocks of anti-personnel mines and South Sudan indicated that in fact its declaration of the discovery of previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines was an error. Hence, there are six States Parties for which the obligation to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines remains relevant and there are 155 States Parties which now no longer hold stocks of anti-personnel mines. Of these 155 States Parties, two States Parties which are presumed not to hold stocks – Equatorial Guinea and Tuvalu – have not yet officially confirmed this by submitting initial transparency information as required in accordance with Article 7. Equatorial Guinea's report was due on 28 August 1999 and Tuvalu's on 28 August 2012. In addition, of these 155 States Parties, one State Party – Somalia – indicated in its initial transparency report that it was currently putting forth efforts to verify if in fact it holds anti-personnel mines in its stockpiles and would report on its findings.

#### Paragraph 16

Amend the second last sentence to read:

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<sup>1</sup> This document also contains the amendments submitted by the President of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties on 2 December 2013.

Belarus reported that at the beginning of 2013, the project was audited by the European Commission and that in April 2013 the financial agreement between the Government of Belarus and the European Commission was amended to extend the practical phase of the project.

Amend the last sentence to read:

The meetings of the Steering Committee with the participation of representatives of the Government of Belarus, the European Commission and the Spanish company EXPAL take place on a regular basis.

Paragraph 16 should now read:

On 27 May 2013, Belarus reported to the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction that the construction of the destruction facility for the PFM-1 mines in its final stages. Belarus also indicated that the air and solid wastes from the detonation of the mines would be recycled in accordance with European Union standards and that the European Commission was financing the project at the level of 3.9 million euros. Belarus further indicated that the construction project was 90 per cent ready, that a timeframe for the start of the destruction process could not be provided yet and that construction is awaiting the set-up of chambers to clean the air emanating from the destruction and the set-up of the alarm system. Belarus reported that at the beginning of 2013, the project was audited by the European Commission and that in April 2013 the financial agreement between the Government of Belarus and the European Commission was amended to extend the practical phase of the project. The meetings of the Steering Committee with the participation of representatives of the Government of Belarus, the European Commission and the Spanish company EXPAL take place on a regular basis.

Paragraph 17

Paragraph 17 should read:

Since May 2013 the following developments took place within the project, a gas-off treatment chamber was made in Germany. In November 2013, the gas-off treatment chamber was delivered to the destruction facility and Spanish experts are currently in the process of installing and adjusting the gas-off treatment chamber. In January 2014, the Spanish company EXPAL is planning to finalize its work related to testing of the purification equipment and to start testing the destruction of the first batch of PFM-1 mines.

Paragraph 19

Paragraph 19 should read:

Greece reported that on 7 June 2013, EAS submitted all the relevant documents, including an end-user certificate to the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness and Finance in order to re-launch the destruction process of anti-personnel mines at the facilities of the sub-contractor VIDEX. In taking this process forward, a request for an International Import Certificate was in turn submitted by VIDEX to the Bulgarian Ministry of economy and Energy on 2 July 2013, resulting in the subsequent issuance of the relevant certificate by the competent Bulgarian authorities on 17 October 2013. On 2 December 2013, the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness and Finance issued the export licenses. As a result, at this stage the only remaining pending documents which are required for the commencement of the shipment of mines to Bulgaria are the transport licenses, which are expected

to be issued by the competent Greek and Bulgarian authorities within the next weeks. Despite the ongoing financial crisis, Greece indicated that it is in the final stages of the necessary procedures and that it expects transport and destruction of stockpiled mines to begin in early 2014.

#### Paragraph 23

Paragraph 23 should read as follows:

Ukraine reported that the current number of mines for disposal is 5,435,248 PFM-1 (1S) and that as of today Ukraine managed to dispose 1,218,433 mines (among those 567,672 PFM-1 mines). Over the course of 2013 a total of 332,352 PFM-1 mines have been disposed. Ukraine further reported that until 2015 it plans to destroy 3 million units of PFM-1 mines within the framework of NATO's Partnership for Peace programme Phase 2. Ukraine further reported that it is constructing an additional site for dismantling ammunition which will significantly increase the rate of destruction of PFM-1 anti-personnel mines.

#### Paragraph 25

Insert a new paragraph after paragraph 25 which reads:

In its initial report submitted on 28 November 2013, Poland indicated that it had 16,957 stockpiled anti-personnel mines and that the remaining anti-personnel mines and their components were stored in five central storage facilities – Drawno, Dulinów, Krapkowice, Osowiec, and Stawy – where they are awaiting destruction. Poland indicated that in 2014 a contractor would be chosen to destroy the mines.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

#### Paragraph 29

At the end of the paragraph, insert the following sentence:

In information provided to the Implementation Support Unit on 12 November 2013, South Sudan indicated that its statement regarding previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines was actually an error.

Paragraph 29 should now read:

At the 27 May 2013 meeting of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction, South Sudan recalled that it reported a small number of stockpiled anti-personnel mines discovered in former military camps of the Sudanese armed forces. South Sudan further reported that the mines in question are a small part of a larger weapons cache that was discovered, which will need to be destroyed in its totality as soon as South Sudan gets the funding and when all necessary arrangements are completed. South Sudan also indicated that it does not have any other known stockpiles. In information provided to the Implementation Support Unit on 12 November 2013, South Sudan indicated that its statement regarding previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines was actually an error.

## **APLC/MSP.12/2012/WP.4**

### **Section #2: Mine Clearance**

#### Paragraph 1

Amend paragraph 1 to read as follows:

The Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties's Geneva Progress Report recorded that as of 3 December 2012, there were 36 States Parties that had formally indicated they had to fulfil the obligation contained in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Convention. Since the Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties (12MSP), four States Parties – Bhutan, Germany, Hungary and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela – reported that they have completed implementation of Article 5. Bhutan's efforts to comply with Article 5 involved clearing 1,360 square metres of mined area in Nganglam in 2010 and three locations in Gobarkunda totalling 4,030 square metres in 2013, in addition to 30,000 square metres of mined areas in Manas prior to entry into force of the Convention for Bhutan. Germany's efforts to comply with Article 5 involved a technical survey and clearance of a sample area in the 10,000 square metres suspected area which did not confirm the suspicion of anti-personnel mine contamination. Hungary's efforts to comply with Article 5 involved clearing or otherwise declaring safe an area amounting to 1,007,747 square metres. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's efforts to comply with Article 5 involved destroying 1,073 anti-personnel mines emplaced in 13 mined areas around six naval posts. Both Bhutan and Venezuela used their own resources to carry out their mine clearance operations.

#### Paragraph 2

The number of States Parties that have formally indicated that they must still fulfil the obligation contained in Article 5 should read 32 and Germany and Hungary should be removed from the list.

Paragraph 2 should now read:

There are now 32 States Parties that have formally indicated that they must still fulfil the obligation contained in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Convention: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

#### Paragraph 7

Amend paragraph 7 to read:

Algeria reported that, to date, a total of 876,507 mines of various origins have been neutralized: 696,930 mines have been cleared during mine clearance work, 159,110 stockpiled mines have been destroyed, 1,062 isolated mines have been located and destroyed, 379 isolated mines have been located and destroyed around known or suspected areas, 3,119 mines were destroyed pursuant to a court decision and an additional 15,907 mines emplaced by the Algerian army in 1994-1995 have been located and destroyed. In total 6,704,652 hectares of terrain have been addressed. Cleared areas of the municipality of El Meridj in the Wilaya of Tebessa and Bab El-Assa in the Wilaya of Tlemcen are pending turnover to the local authorities. The clearance of mined areas continues in accordance with the work plan within Algeria's request for extension. Military units in charge of the demining programme are currently deployed in Tlemcen, commune of Boukanoun, Nâama,

commune of Moghrar, El Tarf, commune of Aïn El Karma, Tébessa, commune of Aïn Zerrouk, Souk Ahras, commune of Zaârouria.

#### Paragraph 45

Remove paragraph 45.

#### Paragraph 46

Remove paragraph 46.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

### **APLC/MSP.12/2012/WP.7**

#### **Section #4: Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims**

#### Paragraph 9

Remove square brackets.

The number of States Parties that did not provide updated information covering calendar year 2012 should read 70 and Bosnia and Herzegovina, El Salvador, Mauritania and Nicaragua should be removed from the list.

Paragraph 9 should now read:

Since the 12MSP, three States Parties – Finland, Poland and Somalia – have submitted their initial report in accordance with Article 7.1 and two States Parties are still not compliant with their obligation to report in accordance with Article 7.1: Equatorial Guinea and Tuvalu. Equatorial Guinea's initial report was due on 28 August 1999 and Tuvalu's on 28 August 2012. In addition in 2013, the following 70 States Parties did not provide updated information covering calendar year 2012 in accordance with Article 7.2 as required: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

#### Paragraph 10

In the last sentence, the number of States Parties should read 49.

Paragraph 10 should now read:

At the Cartagena Summit, it was agreed that all States Parties will maximise and take full advantage of the flexibility of the Article 7 reporting process as a tool to assist in implementation, including

through the reporting format “form J” to provide information on matters which may assist in the implementation process and in resource mobilization, such as information on international cooperation and assistance, victim assistance efforts and needs and information on measures being taken to ensure gender sensitisation in all aspects of mine action.<sup>4</sup> Since the 12MSP, 49 States Parties have made use of “form J”:

#### Paragraph 10 (a)

The number of States Parties should read 24 and Mauritania should be added to the list.

Paragraph 10 (a) should now read:

The following 24 States Parties used “form J” to volunteer information on victim assistance and needs: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Australia, Austria, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iraq, Italy, Mauritania, Mozambique, Peru, Serbia, Somalia, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, and Zimbabwe.

#### Paragraph 10 (d)

The paragraph should be amended to read as follows:

No State Party used “form J” to volunteer information on measures being taken to ensure gender sensitisation in all aspects of mine action.

#### Paragraph 14

At the beginning of the paragraph, insert a new sentence which reads:

Bosnia and Herzegovina reported 164 fewer mines than it did in 2012 and that mines are used for mine detection dog training and training polygons in demining areas.

Paragraph 14 should now read:

Bosnia and Herzegovina reported 164 fewer mines than it did in 2012 and that mines are used for mine detection dog training and training polygons in demining areas. Brazil reported 1,326 fewer anti-personnel mines retained than it did in 2012 and that it retains anti-personnel mines for military training purposes, to allow the Brazilian armed forces to adequately participate in international demining activities for the purpose of training in mine detection, clearance and destruction. Chile reported 216 fewer anti-personnel mines retained than it did in 2012 and that these 216 mines were destroyed to train the deminers of the Chilean army and Chilean navy in the detection, deactivation and destruction of anti-personnel mines.

#### Paragraph 21

The sentence on Bosnia and Herzegovina should be deleted.

Paragraph 21 should now read:

Algeria reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (5,970) that since 2010 it has reported retained. Bangladesh reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (12,500)

that since 2007 it has reported retained. Benin did not provide new information to update the number of anti-personnel mines (16) that it reported retained in 2008. Botswana did not provide new information to update the number of anti-personnel mines (1,019) that it reported retained in 2012. Bulgaria reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (3,672) that since 2010 it has reported retained. Burundi reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (four) that since 2008 it has reported retained. Cameroon did not provide new information to update the number of anti-personnel mines (1,885) that it reported retained in 2009.

#### Paragraph 24

Paragraph 24 should be amended to read:

Mali did not provide new information to update the number of anti-personnel mines (600) that it reported in 2005. Mauritania reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (728) that since 2005 it has reported retained. Namibia did not provide new information to update the number of anti-personnel mines (1,634) that it reported in 2010. Nicaragua reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (448) that since 2011 it has reported retained. Nigeria did not provide new information to update the number of anti-personnel mines (3,364) that it reported in 2012. Portugal reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (694) that since 2011 it has reported retained. Romania reported no change in the number of anti-personnel mines (2,500) that since 2004 it has reported retained.

#### Paragraph 26

Insert the following new sentence after the second sentence:

Poland provided information indicating that it does not retain anti-personnel mines for the purposes permitted under Article 3.

Paragraph 26 should now read:

Côte d'Ivoire provided new information by indicating that it retained 290 more anti-personnel mines. Finland provided information indicating that it decided to retain 16,500 anti-personnel mines that will be transferred on a yearly basis to the Finnish Defence training organisations. Poland provided information indicating that it does not retain anti-personnel mines for the purposes permitted under Article 3. Somalia provided information by indicating that it does not retain anti-personnel mines for the purposes permitted under Article 3 and should it decide to do so in the future, it would report on the numbers and types retained and the entities authorized to retain such mines as well as on the plans for actual and future use and explain any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines.

#### Paragraph 41

The last sentence of the paragraph should be deleted.

Paragraph 41 should now read:

Since the 12MSP, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) continued fulfilling the Secretary-General of the United Nations' responsibility to prepare and update a list of names,

nationalities and other relevant data of qualified experts designated for fact finding missions authorised in accordance with Article 8.8.

#### Paragraph 44

Paragraph 44 should be amended to read:

At the Cartagena Summit, the States Parties agreed that those in a position to do so would provide necessary financial resources for the effective operation of the Implementation Support Unit.<sup>5</sup> In January 2013, the President used targeted fundraising appeals to complement common appeals which had been traditionally distributed to all States Parties. As of 9 September, contributions in support of the Implementation Support Unit's 2013 work plan were received from the following States Parties: Albania, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Netherlands, Norway and Turkey. As well, the following States Parties had entered into contracts to contribute to the Implementation Support Unit's 2013 work plan: the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

#### Paragraph 49

The Coordinating Committee met eight times.

Paragraph 49 should be amended to read:

At the Cartagena Summit, the States Parties agreed to support the efforts of the President and Coordinating Committee to ensure effective preparations and conduct of meetings of the Convention.<sup>7</sup> Since the 12MSP, the Coordinating Committee met eight times to fulfil its mandate to coordinate matters relating to and flowing from the work of the Standing Committees with the work of the 13MSP.

#### Paragraph 51

Paragraph 51 should be amended to read:

At the Cartagena Summit, the States Parties agreed that those in a position to do so would contribute to the Sponsorship Programme thereby permitting widespread representation at meetings of the Convention, particularly by mine-affected developing States Parties.<sup>9</sup> In 2013, the following States Parties contributed to the Australian coordinated Sponsorship Programme: Australia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands Norway and Switzerland. At the May 2013 meetings of the Standing Committees, 19 representatives of 19 States Parties were sponsored. At the 13MSP, 28 representatives of 21 States Parties were sponsored. In 2013, the Sponsorship Programme again helped enable States Parties live up to the commitment they made at the Cartagena Summit to ensure the ensure the continued involvement and effective contribution in all relevant Convention related activities by health, rehabilitation, social services, education, employment, gender and disability rights experts.

## **APLC/MSP.12/2012/WP.8**

### **Section #5: Annexes**

#### Annex I



Insert a row for Poland.

Under Poland, column, “Number of stockpiled anti-personnel mines remaining”, insert 16,957.

Insert a footnote for Poland which reads:  
Initial report submitted by Poland on 28 November 2013.

Delete the row and footnote relating to South Sudan.

The total of column “Number of stockpiled anti-personnel mines remaining” should now read:  
10,778,671.

## Annex II

Under Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2013 column, insert 1,460.

Under Poland, 2013 column, insert 0.

**Under Mauritania, 2013 column, insert 728.**

## Annex III

Table (b), insert Poland and table (c), delete Poland.