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**ACHIEVING THE AIMS OF THE NAIROBI ACTION PLAN:
THE GENEVA PROGRESS REPORT 2005-2006**

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Introduction

1. The *Nairobi Action Plan (NAP)*, adopted by the States Parties at the First Review Conference, lays out a comprehensive framework for the period 2005-2009 for achieving major progress towards ending, for all people and for all time, the suffering caused by anti-personnel mines. In doing so, it provides the States Parties with guidance in fulfilling their Convention obligations.
2. The purpose of the *Geneva Progress Report (GPR)* is to monitor and support application of the *NAP* by measuring progress made between the Sixth and Seventh Meetings of the States Parties.¹ The report also highlights priority areas of work for the States Parties, the Co-Chairs and the President between the Seventh and the Eighth Meetings of the States Parties. It builds upon the 2004-2005 *Zagreb Progress Report (ZPR)* and is the second in a series of annual progress reports before the 2009 Second Review Conference.

I. Universalizing the Convention

3. Since the Sixth Meeting of States Parties (6MSP), instruments of ratification were deposited by **Ukraine** on 27 December 2005, by **Haiti** on 15 February 2006, by the **Cook Islands** on 15 March 2006 and by **Brunei Darussalam** on 24 April 2006. There are now **151 States** which have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. The Convention has entered into force for 150 of these States². (See Annex I in document APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.1).

¹ Specifically, the period covered by this report is 2 December 2005 to 22 September 2006.

² The Convention enters into force for Brunei Darussalam on 1 October 2006.

4. Forty-four (44) States have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention. Among these states are some that produce, use, transfer and / or maintain large stockpiles of anti-personnel mines. And some are considering developing new kinds of anti-personnel mines. For instance, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) has reported that since the 6MSP three States not parties – Myanmar, Nepal and the Russian Federation – have made new use of anti-personnel mines. Some States not parties are mine-affected and could benefit from the Convention's cooperation and assistance provisions if they acceded to the Convention. In addition, among these 44 States are three States that signed the Convention: Indonesia, the Marshall Islands and Poland.

5. Since the 6MSP, States Parties have promoted adherence to the Convention by States not parties. The President of the 6MSP wrote to all States not parties encouraging them to ratify or accede to the Convention as soon as possible. Canada, in addition to coordinating the Universalization Contact Group, held military-to-military dialogues with India and Pakistan. On the margins of the 6MSP and the May 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees, New Zealand and Jordan convened regional universalization discussions for the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, respectively. Other States Parties have regularly raised ratification of or accession to the Convention with States not parties.

6. The International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) held youth workshops in Egypt and Lebanon, sent high-level delegations to Brunei, Egypt, India and Lebanon, and led a delegation to Poland. Its country campaign in Nepal played a leading role in convincing Nepal's government and Maoist groups to include a commitment to refrain from landmine use in a code of conduct agreed upon during peace talks in May 2006. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) promoted adherence to the Convention, particularly among signatory States and in South Asia. The United Nations (UN) recorded in its 2006-2010 inter-agency mine action strategy that it will continue to promote full adherence to the Convention. The Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and the GICHD's Director provided relevant information to help States not parties make informed decisions on acceptance of the Convention.

7. The European Union's (EU) commitment of support to the destruction of Ukraine's stockpiled anti-personnel mines was critical in facilitating Ukraine's entry into the Convention. The EU was called upon to act with respect to bringing into the Convention Finland and Poland, the only EU member States that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention. The Organization of American States continued to play an important role in universalization. The OAS's General Assembly adopted a resolution on 6 June 2006 urging its member States that have not yet done so to ratify or consider acceding to the Convention.

8. States Parties and other actors, including the ICBL and its member organizations, the ICRC, the UN, and the OAS General Assembly, have advocated the end to use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines by armed non-State actors. Several States Parties and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) expressed their support and / or made financial commitments to the Geneva Call for its work to engage armed non-State actors and promote their adherence to the Convention's norms. Armed non-State actors in three States have signed the Geneva Call's *Deed of Commitment for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti Personnel Mines and for Cooperation in Mine Action* since the 6MSP.

9. Despite this progress, armed non-State actors in 10 States (Burundi, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iraq, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia and Somalia) have made new use of anti-personnel mines or improvised explosive devices since the 6MSP, according to the ICBL. The ICRC reminded States Parties that assuring combatants on all sides of an armed conflict, including armed non-State actors, respect the Convention's norms is a humanitarian necessity if civilians are to be spared the devastating effects of anti-personnel mines. The ICRC also recalled the provisions of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their 1977 Additional Protocols according to which the application of international humanitarian law "shall not affect the legal status" of armed non-State actors.

10. Also in this context, as rights and obligations enshrined in the Convention and commitments in the Nairobi Action Plan apply to State Parties, some State Parties are of the view that when engagement with armed non-State actors is contemplated, State Parties concerned should be informed, and their consent would be necessary in order for such an engagement to take place.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

11. States Parties must turn their commitment to universalization into action in accordance with NAP Actions #1 to #8, particularly given the extent of the challenges that remain. States not parties should continue to be approached on a case specific basis. And pending their adherence to the Convention, they should be encouraged to participate as observers in Convention meetings and to implement voluntarily the Convention's provisions.

II. Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines

12. Since the 6MSP, Ukraine – which possesses stockpiled anti-personnel mines – ratified the Convention. And the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** and **Latvia** reported fulfilment of their stockpile destruction obligations. Hence twelve States Parties have indicated the obligation to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines remains relevant for them: Afghanistan, Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Greece, Guyana, Serbia, Sudan, Turkey and Ukraine. One of these States Parties indicated during the May 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction that it may seek an extension for destroying its stockpiles. Yet the Convention does not permit such extensions. Timelines for States Parties to complete stockpile destruction in accordance with Article 4 are in Annex II (APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.1).

13. One hundred and thirty nine (139) States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention no longer hold stocks of anti-personnel mines, either because they never did or because they have completed their destruction programmes. States Parties have destroyed more than 38 million stockpiled mines. But for a small number of States Parties, stockpile destruction remains relevant and several challenges remain.

14. Some States Parties are emerging from years of conflict and may not know the extent of stockpiled anti-personnel mines in areas under their jurisdiction. In some instances, these States Parties may not have control over all such areas. For two States Parties, the destruction of vast numbers of the PFM-1 type mine remains a challenge. For some, the sheer volume of mines that

must be destroyed presents difficulties. In addition, all 12 relevant States Parties are challenged by the obligation to destroy their stocks “as soon as possible”.

15. Two States Parties (Ethiopia and Guyana), have not yet reported, as required, the number and types of stockpiled anti-personnel mines under their respective jurisdiction or control. Bhutan, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia and Sao Tome and Principe have not provided an initial Article 7 report to confirm the assumption that they do not hold stocks.

16. States Parties continued to discuss their commitment to report, in accordance with Article 7 and through informal means, discoveries of previously unknown stockpiles found after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed. And they reaffirmed the need to destroy these mines as a matter of urgent priority (*NAP Action #15*). It was suggested that Form G of the Article 7 reporting format could be amended to facilitate reporting.

17. While the responsibility to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines rests with each State Party, the Convention calls for others to assist. In most instances States Parties can fulfil Article 4 obligations with their resources. But it was again noted that the Convention community must respond to appeals for technical or other assistance, in accordance with Article 6 paragraph 5 of the Convention and as committed to in *NAP Actions #13 and #14*.

18. The *ZPR* recorded the need to raise awareness of the need to destroy stockpiled mines belonging to armed non-State actors that have committed to ban the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines. The Geneva Call reported the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines in Western Sahara by a signatory to the Geneva Call's *Deed of Commitment*. Armed non-State Actors in Somalia have declared to the Geneva Call that they possess stockpiled anti-personnel mines and sought assistance in their destruction. The Geneva Call, the Danish Demining Group and the UNDP are assessing the situation.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

19. All States Parties must act to comply with their deadlines. States Parties that have a relatively high level of economic development should display leadership in destroying their stockpiles as soon as possible. All other States Parties fulfilling Article 4 obligations need to have a clear plan to ensure compliance with their deadlines. The seven States Parties that have not reported their stockpile status as required under Article 7 should do so.

III. Clearing mined areas

20. **Guatemala** and **Suriname** formally reported that they had fulfilled their Article 5 obligations. This brings to six the number of States Parties that have reported fulfilment of their Article 5 obligations. There remain **45 States Parties** which have indicated that the mine clearance obligations of Article 5 remain relevant for them: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Colombia, the Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Jordan, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Timelines for these States Parties to destroy or ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5 are in Annex III (APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.1).

21. It was recalled that, in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention, States Parties must “make every effort to identify all areas under (their) jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced” and undertake “to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under (their) jurisdiction or control, as soon as possible but not later than ten years after the entry into force of (the) Convention for (a particular) State Party.” It was noted that the Convention does not contain language requiring each State Party to search every square metre of its territory to find mines. But the Convention does require the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas which a State Party has made every effort to identify. Moreover, it was noted that oft-used terms like “mine-free,” “impact-free,” and “mine-safe” do not exist in the Convention text and are not synonymous with Convention obligations.

22. It was emphasised that clearance of all mined areas in accordance with Article 5 is part of the Convention’s overall comprehensive approach to ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines – “for all people, for all time.”³ Clearance of anti-personnel mines can have a humanitarian impact, assist development, further the disarmament goal of the Convention and help solidify peace and build confidence.

23. Despite clarifications made at the 6MSP, continuing ambiguity on mine clearance was evident in 2006. At the May 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies, at least two States Parties referred to their end-state under Article 5 obligations as “impact-free” or having no new victims, terms which are neither in the Convention nor consistent with Convention obligations. At least one State Party indicated its intention to emplace *permanent* markings of minefields. This implied that such markings would not be an interim measure and that anti-personnel mines in such mined areas would not be destroyed as required by the Convention.

24. Given the urgent need to fulfil Article 5 obligations, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies and others highlighted *NAP* paragraph 4 and the high expectations for ensuring implementation of Article 5. They recalled that successfully meeting the deadlines for clearing mined areas is the most significant challenge before the Second Review Conference. Meeting this challenge will require intensive efforts by mine-affected States Parties and those in a position to assist them. They recalled that States Parties agreed in *NAP* Actions #17 and #27 to “intensify and accelerate efforts to ensure the most effective and most expeditious possible fulfilment of Article 5 paragraph 1 mine clearance obligations in the period 2005-2009” and to “strive to ensure that few, if any, States Parties will feel compelled to request an extension in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 5, paragraphs 3-6 of the Convention.”

25. The Co-Chairs of Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies encouraged all States Parties fulfilling Article 5 obligations to provide clarity on **national demining plans**, progress made, work that remains, and factors that

³ *Nairobi Action Plan* (APLC/CONF/2004/5, Part III), Introduction.

may impede fulfilling their obligations in a 10 year period in May 2006. Thirty-five (35) of 45 relevant States Parties provided information, some with more clarity than ever before. But few of these States Parties indicated that they have a plan to fulfil their obligations by their deadlines. Some emphasised that completion in a 10 year period was contingent upon sufficient resources being made available.

26. Of the 45 States Parties that have indicated they must fulfil obligations under Article 5 of the Convention, [9] have provided details on national demining plans / programmes which are consistent with Article 5 obligations and the ten-year deadline set by the Convention. [Five (5)] have provided details on national demining plans / programmes which are not consistent with Article 5 obligations and / or the ten-year deadline set by the Convention. [Twelve (12)] States Parties have provided details on national demining plans / programmes which are unclear regarding consistency with Article 5 obligations and / or the ten-year deadline set by the Convention. [Eight (8)] States Parties have indicated that efforts are underway to establish a national demining plan / programme or to acquire the necessary information to do so. [Eleven (11)] States Parties have not provided details on a national demining plan/ programme. Immediate action must be taken by several States Parties to develop and implement national demining programmes with a view to meeting their deadlines. A table on the status of demining plans/programmes is in Annex IV (APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.2). A summary of the clarity in implementing Article 5 provided at the May 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies can be found in document [...], which was presented to the 7MSP by the Standing Committee's Co-Chairs, Jordan and Slovenia.

27. Important advances in the understanding of **identifying mined areas** were made in 2006. In particular, the GICHD and the UN developed risk management approaches that focus on maximizing techniques for releasing rapidly previously suspect land thereby enabling more efficient deployment of demining assets to mined areas. In one UN mine action programme, such methodologies resulted in 50 per cent of suspect hazardous areas being determined to not contain mines. In Cambodia, methodologies have been established to cancel, with confidence, suspect hazardous areas. Non-governmental organizations are undertaking resurvey work to cancel large areas previously considered to contain anti-personnel mines. These advances suggest that the challenges faced by many States Parties may be less than previously thought and that efforts to fulfil Convention obligations can proceed in a more efficient manner. They also suggest that some Landmine Impact Surveys may have dramatically overstated the extent of the problem faced.

28. The Co-Chairs and Co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies initiated a discussion on possible **requests for extensions of deadlines** to comply with Article 5 obligations at the May 2006 meeting. Issues considered included timelines, scope and format of extension requests, review procedures and decision-making process. Work on this issue continued with a view to actions being taken at the 7MSP.

29. The ICBL and UNICEF reported a growing number of mine clearance programmes now include a community liaison component to reduce risks to civilians from mined areas awaiting clearance as called for in the *ZPR*. Community liaison is increasingly integrated by clearance operators as a standard component of their programmes in three States Parties (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia and Mauritania). And some community liaison has been recorded in 10

State Parties (Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Burundi, Cambodia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Sudan and Thailand). It was also noted that some States Parties, including Cambodia and Senegal, have made concrete efforts to develop community liaison projects as part of peace-building and development programmes.

30. UNICEF, in partnership with the GICHD, produced 12 guidebooks to provide advice, tools and guidance to States Parties and others to undertake mine risk education programmes compliant with International Mine Action Standards. The ICRC, with the support of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and its members, is reducing the impact of mines and other explosive remnants of war using preventive mine action activities that provide safe alternatives to communities until clearance can take place.

31. According to the ICBL and UNICEF, no mine risk education activities were recorded in several States Parties where communities may be at risk. It was noted that while States Parties are obliged under Article 7 paragraph 1(i) to provide information on “the measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all (mined areas),” the information is often insufficient and in some instances non-existent.

32. Important efforts on **mine action technologies** were undertaken consistent with the *NAP*'s guidance with respect to the right of States Parties, as indicated in Article 6 paragraph 2, “to participate in the fullest possible exchange of equipment, material and scientific and technological information concerning the implementation of this Convention.” These efforts included a technology workshop for field practitioners convened by UNMAS and the GICHD in February 2006. Croatia held a symposium involving 26 States and international organizations in April 2006. And Belgium convened a mine action technologies experts' group meeting on the margins of the May 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies.

33. Mine action technology experts drew several conclusions from their work in 2006. First, the greatest challenge rests with introducing enough appropriate existing technology into national demining programmes with economic realities being the chief limiting factor. Secondly, training, life cycle costs, modifications to an organizational structure and maintenance programme and rewriting standard operating procedures are often overlooked when introducing a new technology. Thirdly, many national demining programmes, if adaptable, well-managed, and have a clear plan, could benefit from the introduction of new technologies. And finally, information to convince mine action operators of the advantages of using machines and new technologies often exists but is not shared or widely available.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

34. States Parties implementing Article 5 which have not yet done so should act in accordance with *NAP* Actions #17 to #22 to identify mined areas under their jurisdiction or control, develop national plans consistent with Convention obligations and achieve progress in implementing such a plan. The Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies should promote the need for a high degree of clarity in the implementation of Article 5. States Parties in a position to do so should continue to comply with their obligations to provide assistance for mine clearance and mine risk reduction education. And States Parties should work cooperatively to establish practical approaches to

assist them in developing and considering requests for extensions submitted in accordance with Article 5.

IV. Assisting the victims

35. The Final Report of the First Review Conference provided a clear framework to develop mine victim assistance. Three statements are particularly relevant: The States Parties emphasized that “the call to assist landmine victims should not lead to victim assistance efforts being undertaken in such a manner as to exclude any person injured or disabled in another manner.” They stated that “assistance to landmine victims should be viewed as a part of a country’s overall public health and social services systems and human rights frameworks.” And, they highlighted that “providing adequate assistance to landmine survivors must be seen in a broader context of development and underdevelopment.”⁴

36. The Report also stressed that greater emphasis must be placed on fulfilling responsibilities to landmine victims by the **24 States Parties** that have indicated that they hold ultimate responsibility for significant numbers of landmine survivors. These States Parties are: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uganda, and Yemen. As noted in the *NAP*, “these States Parties have the greatest responsibility to act, but also the greatest needs and expectations for assistance.”⁵

37. Guided by the conclusions drawn at the First Review Conference and *NAP* Actions #29 to #39, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration continued work to assist the 24 relevant States Parties to set objectives for fulfilling their victim assistance responsibilities in the period 2005-2009. Particular effort was made to overcome the following challenges:

- (i) Few of the 24 relevant States Parties had responded with specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound objectives (*SMART*) in 2005, and some had failed to spell out what is known or not known about the status of victim assistance;
- (ii) In some instances demining officials led efforts to develop victim assistance objectives with little interaction with those responsible for health and social services; and,
- (iii) In some instances preparation of victim assistance objectives had not taken broader national plans into consideration.

38. The Co-Chairs recognized that overcoming these challenges required intensive work, on a national basis, with as many of the relevant States Parties as possible, while providing some support to all 24 of these States Parties. The Co-Chairs invited the 24 relevant States Parties to provide updates on their efforts at the May 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee –

⁴ *Review of the operation and status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction*. APLC/CONF/2004/5, Part II, paragraphs 66 - 67.

⁵ *Nairobi Action Plan* APLC/CONF/2004/5, Part III, paragraph 5.

sixteen (16) did so. With assistance provided by Switzerland, the ISU extended its services to provide *process support* to these States Parties. *Process support* has included one-on-one meetings with relevant officials to raise awareness and stimulate inter-ministerial coordination. A further component was outreach to relevant international and other organizations. And where appropriate, inter-ministerial workshops were held to bring together relevant actors to discuss and consolidate improvements on objectives and the development of plans. The ISU undertook specialized support visits to Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Guinea-Bissau, Serbia, Tajikistan and Yemen in 2006. It provided some advice to all 24 relevant States Parties.

39. The aim of *process support* is to enable those States Parties with good objectives to develop good plans, to help those with unclear objectives develop more concrete objectives, and to assist those least engaged in developing objectives and plans in 2005, to get engaged. Significant progress was made in strengthening objectives and developing or revising plans in Afghanistan, Albania, Guinea-Bissau, Tajikistan, and Yemen, with the engagement of relevant ministries and other actors in 2006. Relevant ministries are developing and implementing plans of action in other relevant States Parties, including in Thailand and Uganda.

40. The Co-Chairs' efforts to advance national planning and objective-setting through **inter-ministerial coordination** showed that these are challenging tasks for States Parties. Responses by the 24 States Parties to the 2005 Co-Chairs' questionnaire revealed a lack of communication and coordination between ministries and with other stakeholders. Afghanistan, as Co-Chair and leading by example, launched an initiative to enhance inter-ministerial coordination to produce *SMARTer* objectives and a national plan of action to meet the needs of landmine survivors and other persons with disabilities. The plan was elaborated at a workshop in August 2006, with participants from relevant ministries and the disability sector. Afghanistan intends to share this experience with relevant States. Tajikistan also elaborated a plan of action during an inter-ministerial workshop in April 2006.

41. In response to *NAP* Action #29, which in part calls for enhanced **emergency care** of landmine victims, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration, in consultation with a number of non-governmental and international organizations, developed *seven key points* for first responders and paramedics in providing medical first aid to mine injured people. The points are basic first-aid actions and can benefit an entire community in responding to injuries resulting from any cause. The Co-Chairs recommended that their *seven key points* be included in mine risk education programmes, where appropriate, as an efficient way to promote their use. The ICRC published a manual, *First Aid in Armed Conflicts and in Other Situations of Violence*, which aims to improve emergency care of victims of mines and armed conflict by first responders.

42. In response to *NAP* Action #32, which calls for support in the **socio-economic reintegration** of mine victims, the Co-Chairs supported a Handicap International study to identify good practices for the economic integration of mine survivors and other persons with disabilities, with particular regard to access to financing and the use of micro credit. [The results of the study were presented to the 7MSP.]

43. The ICBL, with the support of Switzerland and the Landmine Survivors Network, produced two reports, *Providing Comprehensive and Efficient Prosthetic and Orthotic Services*

in low-income settings and *Supporting Prosthetic and Orthotic Services in low-income settings* in 2006. These contributed to NAP Action #30, which encourages organizations that specialise in **physical rehabilitation** to develop guidelines for the implementation of prosthetic and orthotic programmes.

44. With Australia's assistance, the ICBL Working Group on Victim Assistance through its member organizations, Standing Tall Australia and Handicap International, produced the report *Landmine Victim Assistance in 2005: Overview of the Situation in 24 States Parties*. This is the second annual report in a series aimed at **monitoring progress** in implementation of victim assistance commitments (NAP Action #37).

45. In keeping with Actions #38 and #39 of the *Nairobi Action Plan*, which call on States Parties and relevant organizations to continue to ensure effective integration of mine victims in the work of the Convention and an effective contribution in all relevant deliberations by health, rehabilitation and social services professionals, at least 9 States Parties included relevant victim assistance specialists in their delegations to the May 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees and at least 11 landmine survivors participated in these meetings, including two who were members of States Parties' delegations.

46. Efforts continued since the 6MSP to strengthen the normative framework that protects and ensures respect for the rights of persons with disabilities including landmine survivors through the participation by many States Parties and interested organizations in the ongoing drafting of an international convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

47. Despite advances since the 6MSP, States Parties need to deepen understanding of commitments made in the *NAP* and the work of the Standing Committee among relevant officials and experts working on disability issues at the national level. The involvement in the work of the Convention by health care, rehabilitation or disability rights experts must be strengthened. States Parties and relevant organizations must do more to ensure that landmine survivors are effectively involved in national planning and contribute to deliberations that affect them.

48. States Parties need to ensure efficient and effective use of resources, particularly where capacity and resources to develop and implement objectives and national plans are limited. Better collaboration between mine action centres and relevant ministries and other key actors in the disability sector is essential.

V. Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims

A. Cooperation and assistance

49. The Resource Mobilisation Contact Group focused its efforts in 2006 on the efficient and effective use of resources within all aspects of Convention implementation. Drawing on discussions at the 6MSP and in May 2006, Contact Group Coordinator, Norway, conducted consultations with key operational actors. An unambiguous message of these consultations was

that for high levels of funding to be maintained, stakeholders will demand confirmation that investments are resulting in concrete progress toward fulfilling Convention obligations, with more land released quickly, fewer new victims and more effective victim assistance.

50. Key issues identified since the 6MSP by the Resource Mobilisation Contact Group include the following:

- (i) Past Landmine Impact Surveys may have overstated or misrepresented the geographical extent of the mine problem. Therefore priority should be given to investments that realign or update existing survey data with realities, using tools aimed at determining actual mined areas needing clearance.
- (ii) Investments in clearance capacity should focus on States Parties' abilities to meet their Article 5 obligations, while at the same time recognizing the need to reinforce their capacity to tackle long-term unexploded ordnance contamination.
- (iii) Investments in victim assistance should focus on immediate life-saving capacities in mine-affected areas and on long-term support for survivors. Such investments need to be measured in the life spans of the survivors. They should focus on reinforcing existing health and rehabilitation capacities.
- (iv) Investments in clearance and survivor assistance capacities must be done in a manner that reinforces existing and nascent local structures and national institutions, rather than establishing externally funded mine action entities. This is crucial to ensure national ownership and to facilitate more efficient use of resources. Local civil society has a key role in identifying these resources and in holding national and international operators accountable for their actions.
- (v) Investments in mine action must be based on the premise that each State Party in the process of fulfilling Article 5 obligations finds itself in a unique situation. Actions must primarily be designed to meet unique circumstances. While global guidelines should be employed to maximise safety and outputs, they must not constrain sound local responses.

51. Canada and the GICHD hosted dialogues in December 2005 and May 2006 on **linking mine action and development**, pursuant to *NAP* Action #47 to encourage the international development community to play a significantly expanded role in mine action. The May meeting concluded that a continuing mechanism should be set up to sustain efforts to integrate mine action and development cooperation where this is feasible and appropriate. Hence, the Linking Mine Action and Development Contact Group was established. The Group's immediate aim is to develop practical guidelines and tools to facilitate integration of mine action and development in complementing existing dedicated mechanisms. Canada, the United Kingdom, the GICHD and the UNDP promoted the link between mine action and development in the programme of work of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2007-2008. These efforts aim to enhance policy and practical guidelines for DAC members on the inclusion of mine action in security and development policies.

52. Guatemala, as Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, highlighted **multiparty cooperation**, in line with *NAP* Action #50 which calls for efforts to identify new and non-traditional sources of support for activities to implement the Convention. Guatemala highlighted the value of cooperation between (a) a State Party implementing Article 5, (b) a State Party that has developed capacity through its experience in implementing Article 5, (c) a donor, and (d) an international or regional organization that can facilitate cooperation. The Organization of American States and States Parties in the Americas have shown leadership in multiparty cooperation, most recently through assistance to Suriname in complying with its Article 5 obligations.

53. The importance of a two-track approach to cooperation on **victim assistance** was again noted. Such an approach involves assistance provided by or through specialized organizations in which assistance specifically targets landmines survivors and other war wounded, and assistance in the form of integrated approaches in which development cooperation aims to guarantee the rights of all individuals, including persons with disabilities. While many States Parties have provided information on efforts regarding the former, very little has been provided to indicate efforts that will ultimately benefit landmine survivors are being undertaken through integrated development cooperation.

54. The Development Cooperation Directorate of the OECD has reaffirmed that **stockpile destruction** activities can be recognized as Official Development Assistance (ODA). Despite this, few States Parties have provided assistance to those requiring it for the purpose of stockpile destruction.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

55. The Resource Mobilisation Contact Group should continue to develop a programme of work that places a clear focus on mine action efficiency and effectiveness. The Contact Group should continue to be guided by needs on the ground and ensure all relevant voices are heard in dialogues on this matter.

56. Efforts should be made to follow-up on various points contained in *NAP* Actions #40 to #50 which have not received sufficient attention since the First Review Conference. States Parties should ensure that mine clearance and victim assistance are part of national development plans and where appropriate, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, UN Development Assistance Frameworks, and Country Assistance Strategies. They should highlight progress in the development of national capacities. And they should clarify how States Parties' roles on decision making bodies of multilateral development organizations can support States Parties that require assistance in fulfilling Article 5 and other obligations.

B. Transparency and the exchange of information

57. Since the 6MSP, initial transparency reports were submitted by Latvia and [Vanuatu]. Hence, [seven] States Parties have not yet provided an initial Article 7 report: Bhutan, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guyana, and Sao Tome and Principe.⁶

⁶ Ukraine is required to submit an initial transparency report as soon as practicable and, in any event, not later than 28 November 2006, Haiti not later than 28 January 2007, the Cook Islands not later than 28 February 2007, and Brunei Darussalam not later than 30 March 2007.

58. In terms of compliance with Article 7 paragraph 2 of the Convention, annual Article 7 reports for 2006 were provided by all states with the exception of the following [46] States Parties: [Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Jamaica, Kiribati, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Nauru, Nigeria, Niue, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Republic of, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uganda, Uruguay and Zimbabwe⁷]. As of 22 September 2006, the overall reporting rate in 2006 stood at [64] percent.⁸

59. The 6MSP reemphasised that reporting in accordance with Article 7 is particularly important for States Parties in the process of fulfilling key obligations or which have retained anti-personnel mines under Article 3. As of 22 September 2006:

- (i) Of the 12 States Parties which, as of the close of the 6MSP, still had to destroy stockpiled mines in accordance with Article 4, each provided transparency information on this matter as required in 2006 covering the previous calendar year with the exception of the following: [Ethiopia, Greece, Guyana and Serbia].
- (ii) Of the 45 States Parties which, as of the close of the 6MSP, still had to clear mined areas in accordance with Article 5, each provided transparency information on this matter as required in 2006 covering the previous calendar year with the exception of the following: [Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Greece, Guinea Bissau, Macedonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of, Malawi, Niger, Serbia and Uganda].
- (iii) Of the [76] States Parties which, as of the close of the 6MSP, had not yet reported on legislation in the context of Article 9, each provided transparency information on this matter as required in 2006 covering the previous calendar year with the exception of the following: [Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bhutan, Burundi, Cape Verde, Comoros, Cyprus, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Latvia, Liberia, Maldives, Nauru, Niue, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Vanuatu and Venezuela].
- (iv) Of the [75] States Parties which, as of the close of the 6MSP, had reported that they had retained mines for reasons permitted under Article 3, each provided transparency information on this matter in 2006 with the exception of the following: [Botswana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, El Salvador, Eritrea, Greece, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Malawi, Mali, Serbia, South Africa, Togo and Uruguay]. [Two] States: [Burundi and the Democratic

⁷ While Zimbabwe did not submit a transparency report in 2006 covering the previous calendar year, it did submit a report on 5 December 2005 which covered calendar year 2005.

⁸ The annual transparency reporting rate is acquired by dividing the number of States Parties that provided a report in a particular year by the number of States Parties that were required to provide a report in a particular year.

Republic of Congo] stated that a decision concerning mines retained under Article 3 is pending. An update on the numbers of mines retained and transferred for permitted reasons is in V (APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.2).

60. At the 6MSP, the States Parties amended the transparency reporting format to provide, in Form D, the opportunity to volunteer information in addition to what is minimally required on mines retained for reasons permitted under Article 3 pursuant to *NAP* Action #54. [Eight (8)] States Parties used the amended reporting format to provide such information. The Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation invited States Parties to volunteer relevant information on mines retained under Article 3 to make use of this forum.⁹ Seventeen (17) States Parties did so at the Standing Committee's meeting. An overview of information volunteered is in Annex V (APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.2).

61. States Parties may share information beyond what is minimally required through the Article 7 reporting format's Form J. Since the 6MSP, the following [40] States Parties have made use of Form J as a voluntary means of reporting: [Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Yemen and Zimbabwe]. Of these, the following [28] States Parties used Form J to report on assistance for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims: [Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, France, Germany, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Yemen and Zimbabwe].

62. The Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention provided an opportunity, pursuant to *NAP* Action #55, for an exchange of views on implementation of Articles 1, 2 and 3 on 12 May 2006. Three States Parties spoke on Articles 1, 2 and/or 3. Two States Parties shared views on other aspects of implementation.

63. Since the 6MSP, one State not party, Poland provided a voluntary transparency report, sharing information on all pertinent matters mentioned in Article 7.

64. Consistent with *NAP* Action #58, some States Parties, regional or other organizations arranged voluntarily regional and thematic conferences and workshops to advance implementation of the Convention. In addition to those already mentioned, Trinidad and Tobago held a workshop on the role of the Caribbean Community in pursuing the aims of the Convention in June 2006. Argentina and the ICRC held a seminar on international humanitarian law which included as one its objectives the promotion of the application of the *NAP* in August 2006.

⁹ The Co-Chairs suggested that States Parties may wish to volunteer three main pieces of information: (i) The purposes for which retained mines have been used and the results of this use, including for example: the mine detection, clearance or destruction techniques that have been / are being developed; the mine detection, clearance or destruction training that has been carried out; and, the number of personnel trained and to what standard. (ii) 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. (iii) The number and types of mines that a State Party anticipates using in coming years for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

65. States Parties must continue to or improve as appropriate their compliance with Article 7 obligations, particularly those States Parties that are destroying stockpiled mines, clearing mined areas, retaining anti-personnel mines in accordance with Article 3, and / or undertaking measures in accordance with Article 9.

C. Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities, and facilitating compliance

66. Since the 6MSP, three additional States Parties (Albania, Croatia and Senegal), including one that had previously indicated that it considered existing laws to be sufficient, reported having adopted legislation in the context of Article 9 obligations. One State Party – Greece – reported existing laws to be sufficient. There are now 49 states that have reported that they have adopted legislation in the context of Article 9 obligations. An additional 25 reported that they consider existing laws to be sufficient. Seventy-seven (77) States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention have not yet reported having adopted legislation in the context of Article 9 obligations or that they consider existing laws to be sufficient. None of the four States newly ratified or acceded to the Convention has reported actions taken in accordance with Article 9. An overview of implementation of Article 9 is in Annex VI (APLC/MSP.7/2006/L.2/Add.2).

67. Since the 6MSP, the States Parties remained committed to work together to facilitate compliance under the Convention. In addition, since the 6MSP, no State Party submitted a request for clarification to a Meeting of the States Parties in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 2, nor has any proposed that a Special Meeting of the States Parties be convened in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 5. As well, the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs (UNDDA) continued fulfilling the UN Secretary General's responsibility to prepare and update a list of names, nationalities and other relevant data of qualified experts designated for fact finding missions authorized in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 8. Since the 6MSP, [20] States Parties – [Argentina, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Germany, Guyana, Italy, Kenya, Panama, Republic of Moldova, Spain, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Zambia and Zimbabwe] – provided updated information for the list of experts.

Priorities for the period leading to the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties:

68. Recalling the commitment States Parties made in *NAP* Actions #59 to #62, States Parties need to ensure development and adoption of appropriate legislative and other measures in accordance with Article 9 of the Convention. States need to include penal sanctions for prohibited activities, to integrate the Convention's prohibitions and requirements into their military doctrine, and to report on these matters as required under Article 7. Since the First Review Conference, few States Parties have reported adopting such measures. States Parties requiring assistance in this area should draw on support available from the ICRC and other actors.

D. Implementation support

69. The **Coordinating Committee** met six times to prepare for and assess the outcome of the Intersessional Work Programme and to coordinate the work of the Standing Committees with the work of the Meeting of the States Parties since the 6MSP. The Coordinating Committee continued to operate in an open and transparent manner with summary reports of each meeting made available to all interested parties on the web site of the GICHD.

70. With respect to the **Intersessional Work Programme**, at the May 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees there were over 550 registered delegates representing 97 States Parties, 18 States not parties and numerous international and non-governmental organizations. These meetings featured discussions on the implementation of key provisions of the Convention and on assuring that cooperation and assistance would continue to function well. The meetings were again supported by the GICHD. Interpretation services were provided through voluntary contributions by the European Commission and Canada.

71. In 2006, the **Implementation Support Unit (ISU)** of the GICHD continued to assist States Parties to implement the Convention's obligations and objectives. The ISU supported the President, the President-Designate, the Co-Chairs, the Contact Group Coordinators, the Sponsorship Programme donors group and individual States Parties with initiatives to pursue the aims of the *Nairobi Action Plan*. In addition, through the provision of professional advice, support and information services, the ISU assisted individual States Parties in addressing various implementation challenges.

72. The continuing operations of the ISU were assured by voluntary contributions by the following States Parties since the 6MSP: [Albania, Australia, Belgium, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, the Philippines, South Africa, Slovenia and Turkey]. The ISU enhanced its available services in 2006 by providing victim assistance *process support* to the inter-ministerial coordination efforts of States Parties that have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of mine victims through project funding provided by Switzerland.

73. The UNDDA, Australia and Switzerland, with the assistance of the ISU, made arrangements for the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties. The States Parties continued to use **Contact Groups** on universalization, Article 7 reporting and resource mobilization. As noted, Canada established a new Contact Group on Linking Mine Action and Development in order to pursue in more focused manner various aspects of the *NAP*.

74. The **Sponsorship Programme** continued to ensure participation in the Convention's meetings by States Parties normally not able to be represented at these meetings by relevant experts or officials. In advance of the May 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees, the programme's Donors' Group invited 42 States Parties to request sponsorship for up to 64 delegates to provide updates on Convention implementation. Thirty-five representatives (29 States Parties) were sponsored to attend the May meetings. The programme's Donors' Group invited [...] States Parties to request sponsorship for up to [...] to attend the 7MSP. [...] representatives of [...] States Parties were sponsored to attend the 7MSP.

75. Sponsorship of States Parties' delegates also assisted in the application of *NAP* Action #39, to include health and social service professionals in deliberations. Nine (9) relevant States Parties accepted the Donors' Group offer of support at the May 2006 meetings. And [...] [...] relevant States Parties took advantage of the Donors' Group offer of support for participation by such a professional in the 7MSP.

76. The Sponsorship Programme also contributed to the aims of universalization, with the Donors' Group having offered sponsorship to 10 States not parties for the May 2006 meetings of the Standing Committees and [...] States not parties for the 7MSP. Five States not parties accepted this offer in May 2006, with each providing an update on its views on the Convention at the 8 May meeting of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention. [...] States not parties accepted this offer for the 7MSP.

77. The continuing operations of the Sponsorship Programme were assured in 2006 by contributions to the Sponsorship Programme from the following States Parties since the 6MSP: [LIST TO BE COMPLETED].

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States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention

State	Date of Formal Acceptance	Date of Entry-into-force
Afghanistan	11 September 2002	1 March 2003
Albania	29 February 2000	1 August 2000
Algeria	9 October 2001	1 April 2002
Andorra	29 June 1998	1 March 1999
Angola	5 July 2002	1 January 2003
Antigua and Barbuda	3 May 1999	1 November 1999
Argentina	14 September 1999	1 March 2000
Australia	14 January 1999	1 July 1999
Austria	29 June 1998	1 March 1999
Bahamas	31 July 1998	1 March 1999
Bangladesh	6 September 2000	1 March 2001
Barbados	26 January 1999	1 July 1999
Belarus	3 September 2003	1 March 2004
Belgium	4 September 1998	1 March 1999
Belize	23 April 1998	1 March 1999
Benin	25 September 1998	1 March 1999
Bhutan	18 August 2005	1 February 2006
Bolivia	9 June 1998	1 March 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8 September 1998	1 March 1999
Botswana	1 March 2000	1 September 2000
Brazil	30 April 1999	1 October 1999
Brunei Darussalam	24 April 2006	1 October 2006
Bulgaria	4 September 1998	1 March 1999
Burkina Faso	16 September 1998	1 March 1999
Burundi	22 October 2003	1 April 2004
Cambodia	28 July 1999	1 January 2000
Cameroon	19 September 2002	1 March 2003
Canada	3 December 1997	1 March 1999
Cape Verde	14 May 2001	1 November 2001
Central African Republic	8 November 2002	1 May 2003
Chad	6 May 1999	1 November 1999
Chile	10 September 2001	1 March 2002
Colombia	6 September 2000	1 March 2001
Comoros	19 September 2002	1 March 2003
Congo (Brazzaville)	4 May 2001	1 November 2001
Cook Islands	15 March 2006	1 September 2006
Costa Rica	17 March 1999	1 September 1999
Côte d' Ivoire	30 June 2000	1 December 2000
Croatia	20 May 1998	1 March 1999
Cyprus	17 January 2003	1 July 2003
Czech Republic	26 October 1999	1 April 2000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2 May 2002	1 November 2002
Denmark	8 June 1998	1 March 1999
Djibouti	18 May 1998	1 March 1999
Dominica	26 March 1999	1 September 1999

State	Date of Formal Acceptance	Date of Entry-into-force
Dominican Republic	30 June 2000	1 December 2000
Ecuador	29 April 1999	1 October 1999
El Salvador	27 January 1999	1 July 1999
Equatorial Guinea	16 September 1998	1 March 1999
Eritrea	27 August 2001	1 February 2002
Estonia	12 May 2004	1 November 2004
Ethiopia	17 December 2004	1 June 2005
Fiji	10 June 1998	1 March 1999
France	23 July 1998	1 March 1999
Gabon	8 September 2000	1 March 2001
Gambia	23 September 2002	1 March 2003
Germany	23 July 1998	1 March 1999
Ghana	30 June 2000	1 December 2000
Greece	25 September 2003	1 March 2004
Grenada	19 August 1998	1 March 1999
Guatemala	26 March 1999	1 September 1999
Guinea	8 October 1998	1 April 1999
Guinea Bissau	22 May 2001	1 November 2001
Guyana	5 August 2003	1 February 2004
Haiti	15 February 2006	1 August 2006
Holy See	17 February 1998	1 March 1999
Honduras	24 September 1998	1 March 1999
Hungary	6 April 1998	1 March 1999
Iceland	5 May 1999	1 November 1999
Ireland	3 December 1997	1 March 1999
Italy	23 April 1999	1 October 1999
Jamaica	17 July 1998	1 March 1999
Japan	30 September 1998	1 March 1999
Jordan	13 November 1998	1 May 1999
Kenya	23 January 2001	1 July 2001
Kiribati	7 September 2000	1 March 2001
Latvia	1 July 2005	1 January 2006
Lesotho	2 December 1998	1 June 1999
Liberia	23 December 1999	1 June 2000
Liechtenstein	5 October 1999	1 April 2000
Lithuania	12 May 2003	1 November 2003
Luxembourg	14 June 1999	1 December 1999
Macedonia, FYR of	9 September 1998	1 March 1999
Madagascar	16 September 1999	1 March 2000
Malawi	13 August 1998	1 March 1999
Malaysia	22 April 1999	1 October 1999
Maldives	7 September 2000	1 March 2001
Mali	2 June 1998	1 March 1999
Malta	7 May 2001	1 November 2001
Mauritania	21 July 2000	1 January 2001
Mauritius	3 December 1997	1 March 1999
Mexico	9 June 1998	1 March 1999
Moldova, Republic of	8 September 2000	1 March 2001
Monaco	17 November 1998	1 May 1999

State	Date of Formal Acceptance	Date of Entry-into-force
Mozambique	25 August 1998	1 March 1999
Namibia	21 September 1998	1 March 1999
Nauru	7 August 2000	1 February 2001
Netherlands	12 April 1999	1 October 1999
New Zealand	27 January 1999	1 July 1999
Nicaragua	30 November 1998	1 May 1999
Niger	23 March 1999	1 September 1999
Nigeria	27 September 2001	1 March 2002
Niue	15 April 1998	1 March 1999
Norway	9 July 1998	1 March 1999
Panama	7 October 1998	1 April 1999
Papua New Guinea	28 June 2004	1 December 2004
Paraguay	13 November 1998	1 May 1999
Peru	17 June 1998	1 March 1999
Philippines	15 February 2000	1 August 2000
Portugal	19 February 1999	1 August 1999
Qatar	13 October 1998	1 April 1999
Romania	30 November 2000	1 May 2001
Rwanda	8 June 2000	1 December 2000
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2 December 1998	1 June 1999
Saint Lucia	13 April 1999	1 October 1999
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1 August 2001	1 February 2002
Samoa	23 July 1998	1 March 1999
San Marino	18 March 1998	1 March 1999
Sao Tome and Principe	31 March 2003	1 September 2003
Senegal	24 September 1998	1 March 1999
Serbia	18 September 2003	1 March 2004
Seychelles	2 June 2000	1 December 2000
Sierra Leone	25 April 2001	1 October 2001
Slovakia	25 February 1999	1 August 1999
Slovenia	27 October 1998	1 April 1999
Solomon Islands	26 January 1999	1 July 1999
South Africa	26 June 1998	1 March 1999
Spain	19 January 1999	1 July 1999
Sudan	13 October 2003	1 April 2004
Suriname	23 May 2002	1 November 2002
Swaziland	22 December 1998	1 June 1999
Sweden	30 November 1998	1 May 1999
Switzerland	24 March 1998	1 March 1999
Tajikistan	12 October 1999	1 April 2000
Tanzania, United Republic of	13 November 2000	1 May 2001
Thailand	27 November 1998	1 May 1999
Timor-Leste	7 May 2003	1 November 2003
Togo	9 March 2000	1 September 2000
Trinidad and Tobago	27 April 1998	1 March 1999
Tunisia	9 July 1999	1 January 2000
Turkey	25 September 2003	1 March 2004
Turkmenistan	19 January 1998	1 March 1999
Uganda	25 February 1999	1 August 1999

State	Date of Formal Acceptance	Date of Entry-into-force
Ukraine	27 December 2005	1 June 2006
United Kingdom	31 July 1998	1 March 1999
Uruguay	7 June 2001	1 December 2001
Vanuatu	16 September 2005	1 March 2006
Venezuela	14 April 1999	1 October 1999
Yemen	1 September 1998	1 March 1999
Zambia	23 February 2001	1 August 2001
Zimbabwe	18 June 1998	1 March 1999

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The status of demining plans / programmes¹

States Parties that have provided details on national demining plans / programmes which are consistent with Article 5 obligations and the ten-year deadline set by the Convention			States Parties that have provided details on national demining plans / programmes which are not consistent with Article 5 obligations and / or the ten-year deadline set by the Convention			States Parties that have provided details on national demining plans / programmes which are unclear regarding consistency with Article 5 obligations and / or the ten-year deadline set by the Convention			States Parties that have indicated that efforts are underway to establish a national demining plan / programme or to acquire the necessary information to do so			States Parties that have not provided details on national demining plans / programmes		
State Party	Date of entry into force	Article 5 deadline for clearance	State Party	Date of entry into force	Article 5 deadline for clearance	State Party	Date of entry into force	Article 5 deadline for clearance	State Party	Date of entry into force	Article 5 deadline for clearance	State Party	Date of entry into force	Article 5 deadline for clearance
Afghanistan	1-Mar-03	1-Mar-13	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Colombia	1-Mar-01	1-Mar-11	Algeria	1-Apr-02	1-Apr-12	Burundi	1-Apr-04	1-Apr-14
Albania	1-Aug-00	1-Aug-10	Cambodia	1-Jan-00	1-Jan-10	Croatia	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Angola	1-Jan-03	1-Jan-13	Congo	1-Nov-01	1-Nov-11
Chile	1-Mar-02	1-Mar-12	Chad	1-Nov-99	1-Nov-09	Denmark	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Argentina	1-Mar-00	1-Mar-10	DRC	1-Nov-02	1-Nov-12
Cyprus	1-Jul-03	1-Jul-13	Eritrea	1-Feb-02	1-Feb-12	Ecuador	1-Oct-99	1-Oct-09	France	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Greece	1-Mar-04	1-Mar-14
Jordan	1-May-99	1-May-09	Thailand	1-May-99	1-May-09	Ethiopia	1-Jun-05	1-Jun-15	Senegal	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Niger	1-Sep-99	1-Sep-09
Mozambique	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09				FYROM	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Sudan	1-Apr-04	1-Apr-14	Serbia	1-Mar-04	1-Mar-14
Nicaragua	1-May-99	1-May-09				Guinea Bissau	1-Nov-01	1-Nov-11	Swaziland	1-Jun-99	1-Jun-09	Rwanda	1-Dec-00	1-Dec-10
Zambia	1-Aug-01	1-Aug-11				Malawi	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	United Kingdom	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09	Tunisia	1-Jan-00	1-Jan-10
Zimbabwe	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09				Mauritania	1-Jan-01	1-Jan-11				Turkey	1-Mar-04	1-Mar-14
						Peru	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09				Uganda	1-Aug-99	1-Aug-09
						Tajikistan	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-10				Venezuela	1-Oct-99	1-Oct-09
						Yemen	1-Mar-99	1-Mar-09						

¹ “States Parties that have provided details on national demining plans / programmes” are defined as those which have provided clarity in Article 7 reports, through the presentation of a national demining plan or through an update to the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies on actions they are taking to fulfil Article 5 obligations.

Annex V

Anti-personnel mines reported retained or transferred by the States Parties for reasons permitted under Article 3, and, a summary of additional information provided by these States Parties

Table 1: Anti-personnel mines reported retained in accordance with Article 3¹

State Party	Mines reported retained		Additional information volunteered by the State Party
	2005	2006	
Afghanistan	1,076	1,887	Afghanistan indicated that, in addition to the 1,076 mines reported in 2005, UNMACA retained 505 more mines from a stockpile destruction in November 2005 and the Monitoring and Evaluation training Agency, a former implementing partner of the MAPA handed over another 306 mines that had been used for training purposes to UNMACA in 2005 after its training programme ceased.
Algeria	15,030	15,030	
Angola	1,390	1,460	

¹ This table contains only those States Parties which have not, in 2006 or previously, reported in accordance with Article 7 zero (0) as the number of anti-personnel mines retained in accordance with Article 3.

State Party	Mines reported retained		Additional information volunteered by the State Party
	2005	2006	
Argentina	1,680	1,596	<p>Argentina reported that mines are retained by the navy for anti-personnel mines destruction training activities, more specifically to train marines engineers in destruction techniques. The development of an annual training programme will lead to the destruction of the 610 remaining mines retained by the navy by 2012. In 2005, 70 mines were used by the navy for training purposes. The army retains mines to develop an unmanned vehicle for the detection and handling of mines and explosives. Development of this vehicle started on 1 March 2004 and is half complete. The vehicle is currently at the stage of assembling. During 2005 no mines were destroyed for this project.</p> <p>Mines are also retained by the Institute of Scientific and Technical Research of the Armed Forces to test charges for the destruction of UXO/mines. In 2005, 14 mines were destroyed in the testing grounds.</p>
Australia	7,395	7,266	<p>Australia reported that stock levels will be regularly reviewed and assessed, that only a realistic training quantity is held, and that stocks in excess of this figure will be destroyed on an ongoing basis. In addition, Australia stated that training is conducted by the School of Military Engineers.</p>
Bangladesh	15,000	14,999	
Belarus	6,030	6,030	
Belgium	4,176	3,820	<p>Belgium reported that in 2005, at the Engineering School, 18 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel and that 338 mines were used for the training of Engineer Combat Units in demining and mine awareness.</p>
Benin		30	
Bhutan ²			

² Bhutan has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	2,755	17,471	
Botswana ⁴			
Brazil	16,125	15,038	Brazil reported that retained mines are for training to allow the Brazilian Armed Forces to participate adequately in international demining activities. In addition, it indicated that the Brazilian Army decided to keep these anti-personnel mines for the training of demining teams up to 2019.
Bulgaria	3,676	3,676	<p>Bulgaria informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that so far retained mines had been used for training the engineer scientists participating in missions abroad and to study their destructive effect and develop technologies for PFM detection.</p> <p>The engineer specialists, officers and NSOs of the Bulgarian Armed Forces are trained on issues related to anti-personnel mines identification, demining and anti-personnel mines destruction at the Defence Staff College, the National Military University and at the Engineer Units of the Bulgarian Armed Forces.</p> <p>Training is oriented towards awareness of the tactical and technical features of mines, awareness of and application techniques for demining minefields left after military operations during peacekeeping operations, defusing single mines and anti-personnel mines used as a component of improvised explosive device.</p>
Burundi ⁵			
Cameroon ⁶	3,154		

³ In 2005, Bosnia and Herzegovina indicated that 433 of the mines reported under Article 3 were fuse-less and that the total of Article 3 mines was higher than previously reported because the number included the mines kept by demining companies which had not been previously reported .

⁴ In its report submitted in 2001, Botswana indicated that a “small quantity” of mines would be retained. No updated information has since been provided.

⁵ In its reports submitted in 2005 and 2006, Burundi indicated that the decision concerning mines retained is pending.

⁶ In its report submitted in 2005, Cameroon reported the same 3,154 mines under Article 4 and Article 3.

Canada	1,907	1,857	<p>Canada reported that it retains live anti-personnel mines to study the effect of blast on equipment, to train soldiers on procedures to defuse live anti-personnel mines and to demonstrate the effect of landmines. For example, live mines help determine whether suits, boots and shields will adequately protect personnel who clear mines. The live mines are used by the Defence department's research establishment located at Suffield, Alberta and by various military training establishments across Canada. The Department of National Defence represents the only source of anti-personnel mines which can be used by Canadian industry to test equipment.</p> <p>Canada did not use anti-personnel mines for destructive research and development or testing and evaluation in 2005. Existing stock was used for testing of mine detection equipment, specifically 2 metal detector arrays at the request of end users. Canada is planning to test 2 more metal detector arrays and to use live mines for testing of personal protective equipment in 2006.</p> <p>Canada also reported 135 anti-personnel mines transferred from Afghanistan to train Canadian soldiers with anti-personnel mines they are currently facing in Afghanistan. 50 anti-personnel mines (M14) were destroyed to stay within the 2000 anti-personnel mines limit set by the Minister of National Defence.</p>
Cape Verde ⁷			

⁷ Cape Verde has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Chile ⁸	5,895	4,574	<p>Chile reported that its retained anti-personnel mines were under the control of the army and the navy. In 2005, training courses in detection, disposal, and destruction of anti-personnel mines were organized for deminers, 25 participated in a first course at the School of Military Engineers of the Army and 10 participated in a second course at the Arica Demining Unit. A humanitarian demining training was carried out for the demining unit of the navy. In 2005, a total of 29 retained mines were destroyed in capacity building activities for 43 deminers.</p> <p>Chile plans to use another 300 mines in 2006 in the course of its training activities. These activities include courses in detection, disposal, and destruction of anti-personnel mines for the Azapa and Punta Arenas Engineering Battalions, a demining course for the Atacama Engineering Battalion.</p>
Colombia	886	886	
Congo, Rep. of	372	372	
Croatia	6400	6,236	<p>Croatia reported that in 2005, during testing and evaluating of demining machines on the test polygon in Cerovec, CROMAC-CTDT Ltd. used and destroyed 164 mines. These mines were used to test the following machines: excavator “MT-01”, working tools – machine “MINE-WOLF”, working tools – machine “M-FV 1200”, machine “M-FV 2500/580”, machine “MVR-01”, machine “MV-10”, excavator “ORKA”. Croatia estimated that 175 anti-personnel mines would be needed in 2006.</p>

⁸ In a verbal note dated 29 June 2006, Chile indicated that it had destroyed 1,292 mines previously retained under Article 3, bringing the total number of retained mines down to 4,574.

Cyprus	1,000	1,000	Cyprus informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that the retained mines were used by the National Guard for the training of conscripts. Training included tracing techniques, reconnaissance, clearance and destruction of anti-personnel mines. After the completion of training all anti-personnel mines were collected and stored in specially designed warehouses. Cyprus indicated that the mines might be used for testing new means and systems for tracing and detecting anti-personnel mines.
Czech Republic	4,829	4,829	Although no mines were used for training in 2005 and although there are no specific action plan on how to use the retained mines, the principle is to use them for EOD/engineer units training to detect and destroy anti-personnel mines.
Democratic Republic of the Congo ⁹			
Denmark	1,989	60	Denmark reported that tripwires and tripwire device had been removed from Danish Claymore Mines and were replaced by electric detonators. Mines can now only be activated on command. Denmark reported that its retained mines are used as follows: a demonstration of the effects of anti-personnel mines is given to all recruits during training; during training of engineer units for international tasks, instructors in mine awareness are trained to handle anti-personnel mines; and, during training of ammunition clearing units, anti-personnel mines are used for training in ammunition dismantling.
Djibouti	2,996		
Ecuador	2,001	2,001	
El Salvador	96	96	
Equatorial Guinea ¹⁰			

⁹ In its report submitted in 2006, the Democratic Republic of the Congo indicated that the decision concerning mines retained is pending.

¹⁰ Equatorial Guinea has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Eritrea ¹¹	9		
Ethiopia ¹²			
France	4,455	4,216	France reported that its retained mines were used to: 1) test mine detection devices, including the “Mine Picker”, a mine detection robot developed by Pegase Instrumentation and the MMSR-SYDERA system. 2) to assess the anti-personnel mine threat, 3) to test protective anti-personnel boots, 4) to test mine clearance devices and 5) to test destructive devices, amongst them a radio-controlled exploder aimed at enabling the destruction of unexploded munitions, including mines, in situ or in a blast hole.
Germany	2,496	2,525	Germany informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that since the management of the anti-personnel mines pool started at the Federal Armed Forces (FAF) Technical Centre 91, about 550 retained mines were used primarily for the proof of the protecting measures of vehicles of the FAF and the test and evaluation of Mechanical Assistance Clearance Equipment for the FAF and the International Test and Evaluation Programme for Humanitarian Demining community.
Greece ¹³	7,224		
Guinea Bissau ¹⁴			
Guyana ¹⁵			

¹¹ In its report submitted in 2005, Eritrea indicated that the mines retained under Article 3 were inert.

¹² Ethiopia has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

¹³ The report submitted by Greece in 2006 does not contain information about mines retained under Article 3.

¹⁴ In its reports submitted in 2004 and 2005, Guinea Bissau indicated that it would retain a very limited number of AP mines.

¹⁵ Guyana has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Honduras ¹⁶		815	Honduras informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that 11 M-4 type mines had been destroyed in training in 2005. Plans for use of retained mines include: training of engineering staff to support demining work in countries affected by mines, and training to deal with the reported presence of mines in Honduras.
Ireland	85	77	
Italy	806	806	
Japan	6,946	5,350	Japan reported that it consumed 1,596 mines during the reporting period for education and training in mine detection and mine clearance, and for the development of mine detectors and mine clearance equipment.
Jordan	1,000	1,000	
Kenya ¹⁷		3,000	
Latvia ¹⁸	21	1,301	
Luxembourg	956	956	
Malawi ¹⁹	21		
Mali ²⁰	600		
Mauritania ²¹	728	728	Mauritania informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that of the 728 mines retained, 85 are held in training centres and 643 will be used for training activities as well once the mines held in training centres will have been destroyed.

¹⁶ No updated information was provided by Honduras in 2005. In 2004, Honduras reported retaining 826 mines.

¹⁷ No updated information was provided by Kenya in 2005. In 2004, Kenya reported retaining 3,000 mines.

¹⁸ Information provided in 2005 was volunteered in a report submitted by Latvia prior to it acceding to the Convention.

¹⁹ In its reports submitted in 2005, Malawi indicated that mines reported as retained under Article 3 are in fact “dummy” mines.

²⁰ Although the number reported in the Final Report of the First Review Conference for 2004 was 900, it included 300 anti-tank mines. Hence, the actual number of anti-personnel mines retained by Mali is 600.

²¹ In its reports submitted in 2005 and 2006, the mines reported by Mauritania under Article 3 were also reported under Article 4.

Moldova	249	249	<p>The Republic of Moldova informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that since Moldova does not have the capacity to develop mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques, all retained anti-personnel mines were used exclusively to prepare military personnel from the Moldovan Armed Forces' Engineers and Peacekeeping Battalions, as well as from Infantry Battalions. No mines were destroyed during training activities. Training has been conducted by the Engineers Support Department of the Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>In the period 1 January 2005– 31 April 2006, 38 deminers and 600 soldiers have been trained at the “Bulboaca Training Center” of the Ministry of Defense. These 38 deminers were prepared specifically for participation in the peacekeeping and stabilizing missions abroad. Eleven of them were directly engaged last year in demining and clearing activities in Iraq as part of the Stabilization International Forces. In July, 2006, another 9 deminers will be deployed in Iraq for the same purposes.</p> <p>Provided that in the immediate future non-conventional training (like anti-personnel mine simulators and other relevant computer programmes) will be used instead of the conventional one, the Moldovan Government has decided very recently to destroy in 2006 all retained landmines.</p>
Mozambique	1,470	1,319	
Namibia	6,151	3,899	

Netherlands	3,176	2,878	The Netherlands informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that the training programmes for which the retained mines are used consist of instructing all military personnel in mine awareness, how to act in a mined area and what to do to safely get out. This training forms part of the basis of every military instruction in the Netherlands, and are intensified prior to all troop deployments. Annually around 7,000 military receive the initial training on awareness. Moreover 450 military engineers are being trained annually to defuse or destruct anti-personnel mines, and to clear mined minefields and other mined areas. In addition, the Netherlands indicated that it retains mines for technical development. The research conducted is aimed at the development of new and improved detection and clearance technologies, as well as simulation mines. The Netherlands does not have yet such simulation mines at its disposal, but plans to replace part of the currently retained mines by simulations when possible.
Nicaragua	1,040	1,021	Nicaragua reported that a total of 19 mines were destroyed in training during the reporting period. 5 PPMI-SR11 mines were destroyed in November 2005 during a humanitarian demining training course. In addition, 14 PMN mines were deactivated, their explosive parts being removed (charge and detonator), with the aim of using them for retraining and verification of detectors used in the front lines of operations. These mines can be considered destroyed or unusable, since the removed parts were destroyed and can no longer be restored in their technical capacity to function as anti-personnel mines.
Niger	146	146	
Peru	4,024	4,012	
Portugal	1,115	1,115	
Romania	2,500	2,500	
Rwanda ²²	101	101	

²² Rwanda has indicated that the 101 mines declared under Article 3 had been uprooted from minefields to be retained for training purposes.

Sao Tome and Principe ²³			
Serbia	5,000		
Slovakia	1,427	1,427	
Slovenia	2,994	2,993	One (1) mine was destroyed during the reporting period by the 14 th Engineering Battalion of SAF for educational reasons.
South Africa	4,388		
Spain	2,712	2,712	
Sudan ²⁴	5,000	10,000	
Suriname	150	150	
Sweden	14,798	14,402	Sweden reported that in 2005, 56 Truppmina 10 type mines, 328 mines without fuses and 331 Trampmina type 49 B mines, were used for the training of personnel.
Tajikistan	255	225	In 2005, Tajikistan destroyed 30 mines during mine clearance training and demolitions training for survey teams and manual clearance teams. The mines destroyed included 10 PMN, 10 POMZ 2 and 10 OMZ-72. More mines will be destroyed in 2006 to train 150 staff of the national mine action programme and 12 mine detecting dogs.

²³ Sao Tome has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

²⁴ In its report submitted in 2006 Sudan reported for the first time both the anti-personnel mines retained by the Government of National Unity (5,000) and by the Government of Southern Sudan (5,000).

Tanzania, United Republic of	1,146	1,146	<p>The United Republic of Tanzania informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that 369 anti-personnel mines are retained to train troops and 777 are for the APOPO project. This project trains sniffer rats to detect explosives. It has about 250 mine detection rats (MDR) bred and trained by 77 staff and produced 18 MDR teams currently carrying out operations in Mozambique.</p> <p>The APOPO Project has used 44 of the 777 retained, so the United Republic of Tanzania currently retains 1,102 anti-personnel mines. Since the Great Lake Region countries have committed to utilise MDR in their humanitarian demining efforts, the Tanzanian Government plans to increase the number of trained MDR to respond to the demand from these countries,</p>
Thailand	4,970	4,761	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ²⁵	4,000	0	
Togo ²⁶			
Tunisia	5,000	5,000	
Turkey	16,000	15,150	
Uganda	1,764		<p>Uganda informed the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention that retained mines had been used for mine detection, clearance and destruction training and to provide refresher training to army engineers conducting EOD response operations. In addition a 3-week pre-deployment training for humanitarian mine detection, clearance and EOD was given to 20 army engineers seconded to the Office of the Prime Minister/Mine Action Centre.</p>
United Kingdom	1,937	1,795	

²⁵ The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia indicated that on 10 July 2006, it destroyed its 4,000 mines previously retained under Article 3.

²⁶ No updated information was provided by Togo in 2005. In 2004, Togo reported retaining 436 mines.

Uruguay ²⁷			
Vanuatu ²⁸			
Venezuela	4,960	4,960	
Yemen	4,000	4,000	
Zambia	3,346	3,346	
Zimbabwe	700		Zimbabwe reported that retained mines will be used during training of Zimbabwe's troops and deminers in order to enable them to identify and learn how to detect, handle, neutralise and destroy the mines in Zimbabwean minefields.

²⁷ No updated information was provided by Uruguay in 2005. In 2004, Uruguay reported retaining 500 mines.

²⁸ Vanuatu has not yet submitted a transparency report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Table 2: Anti-personnel mines reported transferred in accordance with Article 3²⁹

State	Mines reported transferred	Additional information
Canada	135	Transferred from Afghanistan for training and development.
Italy	8	No transfer outside of Italian territory. These 8 mines have been transferred to the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in ISPRA (Italy).
Mozambique	151	151 Mines belonging to PAD have been destroyed, as the Accelerated Demining Programme ended in June 2005.
Nicaragua	60	46 mines transferred by the Army to UTC to train mine detecting dogs and 14 inert mines transferred to the Engineering Corps to calibrate mine detectors and train demining units.
Tajikistan	80	Transferred from the storage facilities of the Force Structures of the Republic of Tajikistan to the engineer units of the Ministry of Defence in December 2005. These mines were revealed and eliminated by the Force Structures as a result of fight against crime.

²⁹ This table includes only those States Parties that reported mines transferred in accordance with Article 3 since the Sixth Meeting of the States Parties.

Annex VI

The status of legal measures taken in accordance with Article 9

States Parties which have reported that they have fulfilled Article 9 legislative requirements	States Parties which have not yet reported having either adopted legislation in the context of Article 9 legislation or that existing laws are sufficient		
<p><i>A. States Parties which have reported that they have adopted legislation in the context of Article 9 obligations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albania ▪ Australia ▪ Austria ▪ Belarus ▪ Belgium ▪ Belize ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina ▪ Brazil ▪ Burkina Faso ▪ Cambodia ▪ Canada ▪ Colombia ▪ Costa Rica ▪ Croatia ▪ Czech Republic ▪ El Salvador ▪ Estonia ▪ France ▪ Germany ▪ Guatemala ▪ Honduras ▪ Hungary ▪ Iceland ▪ Italy ▪ Japan ▪ Liechtenstein ▪ Luxembourg ▪ Malaysia ▪ Mali ▪ Malta ▪ Mauritius ▪ Monaco ▪ New Zealand ▪ Nicaragua ▪ Niger ▪ Norway ▪ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ▪ Senegal ▪ Seychelles ▪ South Africa ▪ Spain ▪ Sweden ▪ Switzerland ▪ Trinidad and Tobago ▪ Turkey ▪ United Kingdom ▪ Yemen ▪ Zambia ▪ Zimbabwe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Afghanistan ▪ Angola ▪ Antigua and Barbuda ▪ Argentina ▪ Bahamas ▪ Bangladesh ▪ Barbados ▪ Benin ▪ Bhutan ▪ Bolivia ▪ Botswana ▪ Brunei Darussalam ▪ Burundi ▪ Cameroon ▪ Cape Verde ▪ Chad ▪ Chile ▪ Comoros ▪ Congo ▪ Cook Islands ▪ Côte d'Ivoire ▪ Cyprus ▪ Democratic Rep. of the Congo ▪ Djibouti ▪ Dominica 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dominican Rep. ▪ Ecuador ▪ Equatorial Guinea ▪ Eritrea ▪ Ethiopia ▪ Fiji ▪ Gabon ▪ Gambia ▪ Ghana ▪ Greece ▪ Grenada ▪ Guinea ▪ Guyana ▪ Haiti ▪ Jamaica ▪ Kenya ▪ Latvia ▪ Liberia ▪ Madagascar ▪ Malawi ▪ Maldives ▪ Mauritania ▪ Mozambique ▪ Namibia ▪ Nauru ▪ Nigeria ▪ Niue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panama ▪ Paraguay ▪ Peru ▪ Philippines ▪ Qatar ▪ Rwanda ▪ Saint Kitts and Nevis ▪ Saint Lucia ▪ San Marino ▪ Sao Tome and Principe ▪ Serbia ▪ Sierra Leone ▪ Solomon Islands ▪ Sudan ▪ Suriname ▪ Swaziland ▪ Thailand ▪ Timor-Leste ▪ Togo ▪ Turkmenistan ▪ Uganda ▪ Ukraine ▪ Uruguay ▪ Vanuatu ▪ Venezuela

<p><i>B. States Parties which have reported that they consider existing laws to be sufficient in the context of Article 9 obligation</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Algeria▪ Andorra▪ Bulgaria▪ Central African Republic▪ Denmark▪ Guinea Bissau▪ Holy See▪ Ireland▪ Jordan▪ Kiribati▪ Lesotho▪ Lithuania▪ Macedonia, FYR of▪ Mexico▪ Moldova▪ Netherlands▪ Papua New Guinea▪ Portugal▪ Romania▪ Samoa▪ Slovakia▪ Slovenia▪ Tajikistan▪ Tanzania▪ Tunisia	

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