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 MINISTÉRIO DOS NEGÓCIOS ESTRANGEIROS E COOPERAÇÃO

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF  
 ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

REPORT ON ARTICLE 7<sup>1</sup>

STATE PARTY:

Timor-Leste

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**Form A National implementation measures**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

*Remark:* In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

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**Timor-Leste**

reporting for time period from

**December 2003**

to **January 2004**

<p>Measures</p> <p><b>Timor-Leste is currently studying preventive measures for the implementation of the Convention, because there is no mine in the Country to be used, stockpiled, transferred and destroyed.</b></p>	<p>Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation &amp; text of legislation attached).</p> <p><b>In studying process</b></p>
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**Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mined areas
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mined areas
TOTAL			

**Form C Location of mined areas**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

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**1. Areas that contain mines\***

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>No mined areas</b>
	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>No mined areas</b>

**2. Areas suspected to contain mines\***

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>No mined areas</b>
	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>No mined areas</b>

\* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

**Form D APMs retained or transferred**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mine retention
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mine retention
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. (transferred from, transferred to)
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mine retention
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----			

**Form D (continued)**

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mine retention
TOTAL	-----	Not applicable	Not applicable	No mine retention

**Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities 7**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:  
 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
Not applicable	Not applicable	<del>Timor-Leste does not possess, stockpile or produce any APM</del>
Not applicable	Not applicable	Timor-Leste does not possess, stockpile or produce any APM

**Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs**

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Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	Methods
Not applicable	Methods
Not applicable	Applicable safety standards
Not applicable	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	Methods
Not applicable	Methods
Not applicable	Applicable safety standards
Not applicable	Applicable environmental standards



**Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Timor-Leste does possess stockpile APM
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Timor-Leste does possess stockpile APM
<b>TOTAL</b>			

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
Not applicable	Not applicable	No mined areas
Not applicable	Not applicable	No mined areas
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content	Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	photo attached	No mined areas
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		No mined areas
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		No mined areas

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		No mined areas
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		No mined areas

**Form I Measures to provide warning to the population**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

1) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

*Remark:* In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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[Narrative:]

After consultations with His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, in his capacity as the former Commander of Falintil, General Taur Matan Ruak, the actual Commander of Falintil-FDTL and Mr. Roque Rodrigues, Secretary of State of Defence on the situation of the Land Mines in Timor-Leste,

the following was stated:

Timor-Leste is a new Country which became independent in May 20, 2002, after more than 24 years of Indonesian occupation in the Territory. During that period of time, Indonesian militaries were the dominant force in Timor-Leste, although Falintil (Forças Armadas de Libertação Nacional de Timor-Leste (Timor-Leste's National Liberation Armed Forces) were resisting in the jungle of Timor-Leste, against the occupation of the Indonesian militaries. Fortunately, the occupying forces never used anti-personnel land mines to target the guerrillas or national freedom fighters. Falintil itself did not possess any single land mine to be used against the occupant force, because the Portuguese Government as Colonizer did possess any to be left in their military companies in the Territory for them, when the portuguese militaries left the country in 1975.

In 1999 when INTERFET was deployed to neutralize the situation in Timor-Leste, no one had injury or death from an anti-personnel land mine. INTERFET was succeeded by UNTAET and this one succeeded by UNMISSET. Each body constituted a transitional regime in Timor-Leste, none of those bodies detected the existence of the land mines in the Territory. Consequently, it has been established that Timor-Leste has not possessed anti-personnel land mines since the Country was colonized by the Portuguese or occupied by Indonesian militaries.

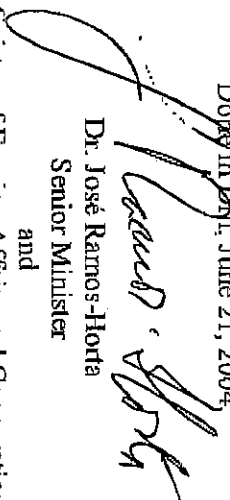
As there is no knowledge or suspicion of the use or emplacement of anti-personnel mines within the Timor-Leste's territory, there is no need of providing warning to the population in relation to areas identified under paragraph 2 of article 5.

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The predominant leaders of the former Timorese guerrilla forces, the highest Timorese military authorities, and the Secretary of State for the Defense were peremptory in affirming that both the Timorese and the Indonesian sides did not use any kind of mines during more than 24 years of conflict. UNMISSET military observers also reiterated that the presence of any kind of mines in the territory of Timor-Leste was never found or reported. Further, it has been reported that no mine kind artifact was ever used or stockpiled by the Portuguese before the Indonesian invasion.

The Highest military authority of the country, General Taur Matan Ruak, once interviewed on the possible existence of anti-personnel land mines in the territory, said: "Timor-Leste never posses anti-personnel land mines within its territory and we will never think to posses it, for the sake of our people's safety". Accordingly, this country is free from the danger of anti-personnel land mines.

Dorein Dji, June 21, 2004



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