

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA



ARTICLE 7 REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2008

To the Secretary General of the United Nations

**On the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of
Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction**

Ministry of Defence

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

Reporting Formats for Article 7

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ALBANIA

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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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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
No change. For most recent information please see Article 7 Report for year 2006.	

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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1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			Albania has completed the destruction of its APM stockpile since 4 April 2002.
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			No previously unknown APM stockpiles have been discovered.
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

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
See Annex A	PMA-1, PMA-1A, PMA-2, VPMA-2, PMA-3, PMR-2A, MRUD.			No records of minefields are available to Albania.

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
N/A				

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A				Albania has decided not to retain any anti-personnel mines for training purposes.
TOTAL	-----			

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

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
N/A		"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use"

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form D (continued)

2. **Compulsory:** 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
N/A				
TOTAL	-----			

3. **Compulsory:** 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
N/A				
TOTAL	-----			

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

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
N/A		

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

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	
Albania has completed the destruction of its stockpiled APMs since April 2002. For details refer to Article 7 Report for year 2002.	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	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	
See Annex B	Methods Open Detonation
	Applicable safety standards National Mine Action Standards (NMAS) and IMAS
	Applicable environmental standards NMAS and IMAS

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
N/A			
TOTAL			

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
PMA-1	237	
PMA-2	9	
PMA-3	7	
PMR-2A	8	
Schutzenmine 44	3	
TOTAL	264	

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
TOTAL			

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Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

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

- i) 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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The Albanian Mine Action Executive monitored and coordinated the Mine Risk Education activities, which again for 2008 were conducted by the local NGO-Victims of Mines and Arms, Kukësi Association (VMA) and the Albanian Red Cross (ARC). Both these organizations had their accreditation renewed in early 2008 by the Albanian Mine Action Executive upon submission of all required documentation.

The main aim of the Mine Risk Education activities was to keep 25,500 mine affected community members in the 22 still contaminated villages (as of the beginning of 2008) informed about the mine & UXO threat. As a result of progress in mine clearance operations, the number of mine/UXO affected villages in 2009 is reduced to 16. It is worth mentioning that there were no mine incidents recorded in northeast Albania during 2008.

The Victims of Mines and Weapons Association-VMA implemented an MRE Project funded by the US State Department through the International Trust Fund of Slovenia with a total value of 79,800 USD.

Under this project and in cooperation with the village anti-mine committees, regular monthly gatherings were organized with the communities and leaflets with information on the mine risk and the safe behavior were disseminated. Other activities carried out were the MRE mobile theatre performances. The mobile theatre with comedians travels regularly from village to village to disseminate safety messages through comedies and parodies. MRE materials were provided to the mine affected communities on a regular basis

including posters and leaflets. School based activities related to MRE were organized and consisted of: competitions among classes for the best poster, leaflet, song, role plays and information about mine fields, mine risk signs and environment issues.

Furthermore a new leaflet was published by the Albanian Red Cross (ARC) in consultation with AMAE, which contains messages promoting a safe behavior with mines and unexploded ammunition. The leaflet was distributed by ARC volunteers in ammunition hotspot areas of 10 prefectures in Albania.

Some 1300 books for pupils in schools near the Kosova border with awareness messages on the danger of mines were also distributed by the Albanian Red Cross.

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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Mine Victim Assistance

The Victim Assistance component covered a wide range of support to the mine survivors during 2008 including: emergency assistance and ongoing healthcare, physical rehabilitation and provision of prostheses, social and psychological support and socio-economic reintegration. These activities were monitored and coordinated by AMAE and carried out in cooperation with various implementing partners including the Ministry of Health, Kukës Regional Hospital, Directorates of Public Health in Kukes, Has and Tropoja, the National Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NPOC) in Tirana, ICRC-Swiss Fund for Disabled (SFD), Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA), the International Trust Fund in Slovenia, Handicap International and the Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation.

➤ Access to Physical & Medical Rehabilitation in Albania-Phase II

The project aims to help public authorities develop and implement a consistent and long-term plan to ensure access to physical and medical rehabilitation services to the entire Albanian population while implementing measures responding to the immediate needs of landmine victims. The second phase of this project covers the period 2008 -2010 and again is funded by US DoS and implemented by Handicap International. During the year 2008 the following activities were carried out under this project:

- 6 technicians, respectively from Kukes, Tirana and Pogradec, continue the training in above knee modules and upper limbs. This training is planned to be completed by March 2010.
- Technical support in building the prosthetic capacities has been provided to the two technicians of the Prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Regional Hospital.
- Under the technical assistance from Handicap International 12 new prostheses were produced in Kukes and at least 120 repairs were done during 2008 for the mine survivors and other local amputees in need.

- 25 additional students were registered in the academic year 2008-2009 in the Physiotherapy Branch at the Faculty of Nursing in Tirana supported by this Project.

➤ **Physical Rehabilitation of amputees in Slovenia**

This project is designed to assist upper limb amputees and other difficult cases that can not be assisted in Albania with prostheses and physical rehabilitation. The project is implemented by Institute of Rehabilitation of Slovenia (IRSS) and funded by US DoS. In 2008, the following activities took place under this project:

- With AMAE coordination, a triage of 45 people injured mainly in the ammunition hotspots throughout Albania, was conducted in Tirana at the National Prosthetic- Orthotic Centre by medical specialists from the Slovenian Institute of Rehabilitation. As a result, 19 amputees have been already rehabilitated with prostheses for the period September – December 2008 at the Institute of Rehabilitation of Slovenia.
- Another 9 amputees are in process of rehabilitation for the period January- May 2009.

➤ **Improving the physical rehabilitation capabilities of Kukës Regional Hospital**

A Prostheses Workshop has been established in Kukës Regional Hospital since 2005 with UNDP/DFID support. The Ministry of Health in order to strengthen the capacities of the Workshop provided a larger space within the main building of the hospital and also contributed to its rehabilitation. However, the Prostheses Workshop lacked funding for the raw materials and supplies needed to make and repair prostheses and therefore requested support from UNDP. A list of raw materials and supplies was finalized in cooperation with the Regional Health Authorities and were procured through AMAE/UNDP with funding from DFID under the “Support to MA Programme” Project.

The materials and components provided under this project are being used to assist landmine survivors and other people with disabilities in improving their mobility and access to the physical environment, and thus improving their quality of life.

➤ **Improving the capacities for survivors assistance**

ICRC-SFD continued its support to the National Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NPOC) through the provision of raw materials for prosthesis. Another key aspect of this project is the improvement of management capacities and capabilities of the current staff of the Center through technical support visits and assistance by ICRC-SFD.

➤ **Support to Social-economic reintegration of mine survivors in Northeast Albania**

The project aims to strengthen a revolving loan fund that has already provided interest free loans to 63 mine survivors in northeast Albania during previous years. It will support 25 mine/ERW survivors in establishing home based economies and seek to link the fund to appropriate micro-finance structure at the regional level and to ensure that the fund provides equal opportunities to all survivors. This project is funded by US DoS and implemented by the local NGO-VMA.

During 2008 the following activities were carried out under this project:

- Commodities (cows) have been procured and distributed to 22 selected beneficiaries.
- 3 more beneficiaries have established the inseminations units in their respective zones.
- All 22 beneficiaries have paid the due amount for the first year to the revolving loan fund.
- All beneficiaries from the previous years have paid back the loan during 2008.

➤ **Support to Socio-economic reintegration of mine/ERW survivors**

This Project is funded by SIDA and implemented by UNDP through the local NGO -VMA. The main objectives of this project are to: increase employment/ business opportunities of mine/ERW survivors of Kukes Region by improving their professional/ entrepreneurship skills; increase their access to medical and rehabilitation support services by providing logistic support and improve their social-integration by providing direct outreach psycho-social and peer support services (outreach and counseling services). The Project started in September 2008 and by the end of the year the following activities were carried out:

- 25 beneficiaries (15 survivors and 10 family members-adults) attended vocational training courses in the following specialties:
 - Electro-domestic repairs - 8 persons
 - Computer basic course - 4 persons
 - Auto-electrician course -5 persons
 - Industrial electronics course - 1 person
 - Hydro-sanitary installations - 3 persons
 - Radio-TV repair course - 1 person

- English and computer course - 1 person
- Electric installment course - 1 person
- Computer Cameraman - 1 person

- 2 mine survivors were hired and trained on the methodology and techniques of peer support survivors.
- 79 survivors were assisted and medicated at home by the VMA Nurse.
- 87 survivors' families were visited by the Peer Support Team of VMA.
- 52 mine/ERW survivors received psycho - social support provided by the Social Worker of the targeted communes.
- 120 leaflets with information on prosthesis maintenance were produced and distributed.

➤ **“Night of a 1000 Dinners” – Beneficiary Event**

The Night of a Thousand Dinners is a world-wide Mine Action charity event to help solve the global landmine crisis. Albania has held so far 4 events of “Nights of A Thousand Dinners” in the following years: 2003, 2005, 2006, and the most recent one in October 2007, were individual donors as well as Governmental Authorities, local private businesses, the diplomatic community and NGO-s. Over \$19, 000 were donated at this latter event. This donation was matched by US DoS/ITF and has been used for mine victim assistance in Albania to assist 10 young mine survivors to continue their elementary and secondary studies, as well as with vocational professional trainings.

Annex A (Form C)

No.	Type	IMSMA ID	NAME	Region	Area size (sqm)	Task	Planned Working period
1	Mine	MA-42-4	Qafa Sulbices(DCA-A-29c)	Tropoje	15,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
2	Mine	MA-59-1	Shishtavec	Kukes	1,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
3	Mine	MA-59-2	Borje	Kukes	25,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
4	Mine	MA-59-3	Borje	Kukes	28,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
5	Mine	MA-59-4	Borje	Kukes	4,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
6	Mine	MA-59-5	Borje	Kukes	60,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
7	Mine	MA-59-6	Guri I Shqipes (Borje)	Kukes	50,000	TS/CL	May - Sept
8	Mine	MA-61-1	Livadhi I Koritnikut	Kukes	40,000	TS/CL	April - Oct
9	Mine	MA-62-2	AAF MF-2 (m. Kershi Ujkut)	Tropoje	13,600	IS	June - Sept
10	Mine	MA-39-1	Ceremi	Tropoje	30,000	TS/CL	June - Sept
11	Mine	MA-61-2	Qamari I Morinit	Kukes	37,500	TS/CL	April - Nov
12	Mine	MA 64-1	Shpella e pellumbave	Has	15,000	TS/CL	April - Nov
13	Mine	MA – 68-1	Stoberde	Tropoje	3,000	TS/CL	April - Oct
14	Mine	MA – 68-2	Stoberde	Tropoje	3,000	TS/CL	April - Oct
Subtotal					325,100		
No.	Type	IMSMA ID	NAME	Region	Area size (sqm)	Task	Planned Working period
1	UXO	MA-31-7/1	DCA-A-28(f)	Tropoje	30,000	CL	April - Oct
2	UXO	MA-32-2	DCA-BAC-01(a)	Tropoje	120,000	CL	May - Sept
3	UXO	MA-32-3	DCA-BAC-01(b)	Tropoje	150,000	CL	May - Sept
4	UXO	SR-1655	DCA-BAC-01(c)	Tropoje	60,000	CL	May - Sept
5	UXO	MA-60-2	Guri Gate	Kukes	10,000	CL	May - Sept
6	UXO	MA-63-1	Tella Brovines	Tropoje	37,500	CL	May - Sept
7	UXO	MA 63-2	Fshati Mejdan	Tropoje	30,000	TS/CL	April - Nov
8	UXO	MA 65-1	Letaj	Has	30,000	CL	April - Nov
9	UXO	MA 66-1	Kasaj	Tropoje	30,000	TS/CL	April - Nov

10	UXO	MA 67-1	Cahan	Has	20,000	CL	May - Sept
11	UXO	MA-30-4/1	DCA-A-27(c)	Tropoje	16,000	TS/CL	April - Nov
	Subtotal				533,500		
	TOTAL				858,600		

Annex B (Form F)

No.	IMSMA ID	AP Mines	Area Cleared/m ²	Area reduced/ m ²
1	MA 28-1	0	2458	17542
2	SR - 1659	7	4332	2150
3	MA 29-1	0	5159	24841
4	MA 30-3	0	4612	25388
5	MA 30-1	0	5691	34309
6	SR 1658	0	16760	25130
7	MA 41-1	0	5426	34574
8	MA 42-1	4	6850	23150
9	MA 41-3	0	3538	18962
10	MA 29-2	0	16100	0
11	MA 41-2	0	5791	34209
12	SR 1657	197	28493	31155
13	MA58-7	0	6624	23376
14	SR 1656	0	1946	11926
15	MA 58-8	0	5854	24146
16	MA 58-9	0	4521	17979
17	MA 44-6	0	33600	6529
18	MA 42-5	0	3882	26118
19	MA 31-6	0	3275	1753
20	MA 44-5	0	4300	7444
21	MA 30-2	0	5022	34978
22	MA 28-2	0	20768	9232
28	MA 64-1	0	4395	0
29	MA 61-2	32	8983	0
30	MA 30-4	0	1088	0
31	MA 63-2	0	7605	0
26	Cache collection ²	24		
	Total	264	217,073	434,891

² Mines removed from the minefields by the local population living in the contaminated areas and collected by the Demining Organization.