

LANDMINE MONITOR FACT SHEET

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on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies of the 1997
Mine Ban Treaty

Destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines in Mined Areas and Status of Mine Action Programs in Mine Affected State Parties (Article 5)

The ICBL Mine Action Working Group (MAWG) has at various times raised the issue of Article 5 reporting and the inadequate information on status and progress made in relation to clearance of mined areas and status of mine action programs. Hence, as a result of this concern the MAWG calls for standardization and greater detail in Article 7 reports when reporting on Article 5. The reporting should include information on total funding for mine action by donors and recipients, data on impact and size of suspected mine infested areas, and a clear definition and registration of area cleared or otherwise discharged of suspicion. MAWG continues to call for the development of strategic mine action plans with defined priorities and priority setting methodologies by national authorities and other mine action actors. Furthermore, the timeframe for strategic plans should be consistent with the 10-year deadline in the Mine Ban Treaty.

- Some 37 of the total number of 45 mine affected State Parties have submitted their Article 7 reports¹.
- **Eritrea, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, and Sierra Leone** are late submitting their reports, and three have yet to reach their respective due date – Afghanistan, Angola, and Cyprus.
- Among the submitted Article 7 reports from mine affected State Parties, four have not reported on the mined areas in the country: **Bangladesh, El Salvador, Hungary, and the Philippines**.
- Nine of the 39 reporting mine affected State Parties lack information regarding the status of clearance programs: **Bangladesh, Republic of Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hungary, Niger, the Philippines, and Uganda**.
- Examples of Article 5 reports completed in accordance with format and requested information and where all relevant data can be found are **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Croatia, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Yemen**. However, there remains a general lack of reporting on the size, i.e. square meters, of cleared land. Reporting continues to be referred to in numbers of cleared mines.

¹ According to postings on <http://disarmament.un.org/MineBan.nsf> as of 13 May 2003. Internal deviations in the reporting, among them the reporting on Falkland Malvinas and Djibouti included in the UK, Argentina and French reports, and recent updates on mine affected areas in the Venezuela report affects the total number of mine affected countries.

As of 13 May 2003 the following mine affected State Parties have reported on Article 5 in their transparency report ²:

Mine Affected State Party	Article 7 (no. of reports submitted)	Form C (report on location of mined areas)	Form F (report on status of MA programs)	Form G (report on clearance since entered into force)	Mine Clearance deadlines
Afghanistan	due Aug. 2003				2012
Angola	due June 2003				2012
Albania	2	yes	yes	yes	2010
Algeria	1	yes	yes	no	2011
Argentina	3	yes	yes	no	2010
Bangladesh	2	no	no	no	2011
Bosnia i Hercegovina	3	yes	yes	yes	2009
Cambodia	4	yes	yes	yes	2010
Chad	1	yes	yes	yes	2009
Chile	2	yes	yes	yes	2011
Colombia	2	yes	yes	yes	2011
Republic of Congo	1	yes	no	no	2011
Congo, DR of	1	yes	yes	no	2012
Croatia	4	yes	yes	yes	2009
Cyprus	due Dec. 2003				2012
Denmark	5	yes	no	yes	2009
Djibouti	1	yes	yes	yes	2009
Ecuador	4	yes	yes	yes	2009
El Salvador	2	no	no	no	2009
Eritrea	due July 2002				2011
France	5	yes	no	no	2009
Guatemala	2	yes	no	no	2009
Guinea Bissau	1	yes	yes	yes	2011
Honduras	3	yes	yes	yes	2009
Hungary	4	no	no	no	2009
Jordan	5	yes	yes	yes	2009
Liberia	due Nov. 2000				2010
Macedonia FYR of	3	yes	yes (in Form C)	no	2009
Malawi	1 submitted 9 April 2003?	yes	no	Yes but mainly info on stockpiles...	2009
Mauritania	2	yes	yes	yes	2011
Mozambique	4	yes	yes	yes	2009
Namibia	due Aug. 1999				2009
Nicaragua	3	yes	yes	yes	2009
Niger	1	yes	no	no	2009
Peru	3	yes	yes	yes	2009
Philippines	3	no	no	no	2010
Rwanda	2	yes	yes	no	2010
Senegal	3	yes	yes	yes	2009
Sierra Leone	due Mar. 2002				2011
Swaziland	1	yes	yes	no	2009
Tajikistan	1	yes	yes	yes	2010
Thailand	4	yes	yes	yes	2009
Tunisia	3	yes	yes	no	2010
Uganda	1	yes	no	no	2009
United Kingdom	5	yes	yes	yes	2009
Venezuela	1	yes	yes	no	2009
Yemen	4	yes	yes	yes	2009
Zambia	1	yes	yes	no	2011
Zimbabwe	3	yes	yes	yes	2009

² The information can be found at <http://disarmament.un.org/MineBan.nsf>