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*PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE  
TO THE OSCE*

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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Delegations of all participating States to the OSCE as well as to the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) and has the honour to provide herewith the response of Greece to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and on Explosive Remnants of War for 2019, in accordance with FSC.DOC/7/04.

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Delegations of all participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 5 May 2020



To: - Permanent Missions and Delegations  
of the OSCE participating States  
- Conflict Prevention Centre

In Town

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

**Reporting Formats for Article 7**

STATE PARTY:

**HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

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DATE OF SUBMISSION

**2020**

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**Form A National implementation measures**

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State [Party]: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
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**Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

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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
<b>M 2</b>	<b>154,777</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>DM 31</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>M 16</b>	<b>187,055</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>M 14</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>343,413</b>		

**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
-	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-

**Total : 0**

2. Areas suspected to contain mines

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
--VOID--				

**Form D APLMs 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
Various Engineer training units in locations all over Greece (under the intendance of the Engineers General Directorate of the Army General Staff)	M 14	3008	--VOID--	APLMs have been retained under the Article 3 for training soldiers in mine detection and clearance and canine detection.
	DM 31	1272		
	M 2 A4	1001	--VOID--	--VOID--
	M 16 A2	304		
<b>TOTAL</b>	→	<b>5585</b>		

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

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information (Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)
--VOID--	--VOID--	"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"

**Form D** (continued)

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
[See previous page, under para 1a]	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	All mines retained for training purposes are kept in certain Army Engineers training-units and are not transferred between them or elsewhere.
TOTAL	--VOID--	--VOID--		

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
APLM stockpiles transferred to the Hellenic Defense Systems S.A. from various stockpiles in Greece.	M2	29,557	--VOID--	Another 310,157 APLMs (out of the 343,413 remaining to be destroyed), are kept safely in Hellenic Armed Forces warehouses.
	DM 31	0		
	M16	3,699		
	M14	0		
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>33,256</b>		



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

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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
--VOID--	--VOID--	<b>Upon ratification of the Ottawa Convention, there were not any anti-personnel mine production facilities whatsoever in Greece.</b>
--VOID--	--VOID--	

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

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."

State [Party]: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019

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

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<p><b>The stockpiled Antipersonnel Mines (ApM) have been already gathered and transferred in 12 final sites, from which they are being collected and transferred to Hellenic Defense Systems in Lavrio, Attica, in order to be destroyed.</b></p> <p><b>Since the beginning of the APLMs destruction program, 1,224,754 have been destroyed, as part of total of 1,568,167 APLMs.</b></p>	
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

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

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<p><b>All APLMs that had come out of the ground during the demining works in Evros have been destroyed in situ for safety reasons..</b></p>	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	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"

State [Party]: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019

1. Destruction of stockpiled APLMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>M2</b>	<b>17,419</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	
<b>DM 31</b>	<b>2,244</b>		
<b>M16</b>	<b>32,259</b>		
<b>M14</b>	<b>1,117</b>		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>53,039</b>		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</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"

State [Party]: **HELLENIC REPUBLIC** reporting for time period from **Jan 01, 2019** to **Dec 31, 2019**

1. Technical characteristics of each APLM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	Grams			
--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	-VOID-	--VOID--	--VOID-	--VOID--

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			
<b>M 16</b>	<b>H:14 cm D:10 cm</b>	<b>pressure – pull</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>453 grms</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>Jumping body cleared in the Evros Province. The other types of the stockpiled mines mentioned in Form B have not been used and are safely kept away in special depositories.</b>
<b>M 2</b>	<b>H:15.87 cm D:7.81 cm</b>	<b>pressure – pull</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>181,2 grms</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>Jumping body. — (See also suppl. info in the above cell)</b>

## 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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[Narrative:]

**All minefields along the border with Turkey in the Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by Amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs and don't include APLMs. All minefields have a double fence. Barbed wire was added to almost all the minefields of Evros. Mine casualties among illegal migrants trying to cross the border from Turkey are suffered from time to time because they are led to the border along river Evros at night and then instructed to ignore any mine fences and markings and walk into the Hellenic territory. Some times they are even aided in cutting the wire and led into minefields!. — Hellas offers, free of charge, health treatment through its National Health System to any person injured by landmines, irrespective of their legal status.**

**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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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

**VOID**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**  
**Response by Greece**  
(Apr 2020)

**Part I**

**1. Is your country a State Party to the Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?**

Yes.

**If yes:**

**2. Please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.**

Please find attached the most recent report submitted by Greece in accordance with article 13.

**If no:**

**3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the amended Protocol II?**

Not Applicable.

**4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?**

Amended Protocol II has been ratified by law and has been incorporated in the internal Greek legislation. The Armed Forces have accordingly issued all the necessary orders, regulations and directives. Any violation or breach of the provisions of Amended Protocol II, would consist a grave disciplinary offence and a penal offence punishable by the Greek Penal Code and the Military Penal Code.

**5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

No.

**6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

(a) Yes, Greece has the capacity to provide know-how of demining to other countries on the following domains:

1/ Clearance techniques.  
2/ Mines defuse means.  
3/ Cooperation with civilian authorities, public information.

4/ Rescue of entrapped personnel in minefields.

5/ Cost accounting of work.

(b) The approval for cooperative actions, will be taken at the political level on a case by case basis, following the relevant application from the country which is interested in it.

## **Part II**

**7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their destruction?**

Greece has ratified the above mentioned Convention. The Ottawa Convention (MBT) was sanctioned by Greece with Parliament Law 2999 of April 08, 2002 (Official Government Gazette issue #71) and became part of the internal Greek legislation. The Convention was ratified by Greece on 25 Sep. 2003 and came into force on 01-03-2004, according to article 17 para 2 of the Convention.

**8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.**

Please find attached the most recent report submitted by Greece in accordance with article 7 of the Convention, of April 2020.

**(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention.**

Not Applicable.



**(c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?**

(a) Greece in order to implement the provisions of the convention has already demined all the APLMs of the minefields at the Greek-Turkish border along Evros River in the north east part of the country.

(b) More specifically all APLMs have been taken out from the ground and in most cases have been replaced by anti-tank mines.

(c) This initiative has been completed by 20 July 09, 4 ½ years before the deadline of our conventional engagement.

(d) Since the beginning of the APLMs destruction program, 1,224,754 have been destroyed, as part of total of 1.568.167 APLMs.

**9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?**

Greece is participating in the Joint Action of the EU Member States to provide financial and technical assistance to landmine victims and affected countries.

**10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.**

No

**11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.**

In order to assist other in mine action, Greece has in full operational readiness a Battalion level structure which is manned with EOD technicians and specific equipment.

All relative official requests for demining assistance will be examined by Greek National Authorities and an official respond will be completed.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR**  
**Response by Greece**  
(Apr 2020)

**1. Has your country notified the Depositary of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force? Is your country considering doing so?**

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014, Greece submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations in New York, its National Instrument of Ratification of the "Protocol of the Explosive Remnants of War 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", adopted in Geneva on 28 November 2003, for deposit with the Secretary General of the United Nations.

**2. If yes, at what stage is the process?**

In recent years, meetings are being held in regions which are contaminated with explosives – ammunitions remnants of war, among competent Staff of the Military Authorities, local authorities, mountaineering – hunting associations etc as well as ordinary citizens, presenting the progress in the clearance of UXO and providing instructions to prevent accidents.

**3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.**

No. Greece at this stage has all proper resources in order to complete this mission, by its own.

**4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.**

All relative official requests dealing with clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW, will be examined by Greek National Authorities and an official respond will be completed.

**PROTOCOL II 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  
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)**

Annual Report in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: HELLENIC REPUBLIC

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

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The information contained in this Report may be made available to other interested Parties, Organizations and the public.

**Form A                    Dissemination of information**

Article 13 / 4 / a        “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:  
                                  (a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019.*

**Information to the armed forces**

--NONE--

**Information to the civilian population**

--NONE--



**Form C**

**Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13 / 4 / c

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

*Remark:*

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**Technical requirements**

--NONE--

**Any other relevant information**

--NONE--

**Form D**

**Legislation**

Article 13 / 4 / d

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(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

*Remark:*

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**Legislation**

--NONE--

**Form E**                    **International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article 13 / 4 / e        “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:  
(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;”

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**International technical information exchange**

The Hellenic Republic participated in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the CCW Convention, on Aug and Nov 2019 in Geneva”.

**International cooperation and assistance**

--NONE--



**Form F**

**Other relevant matters**

Article 13 / 4 / f

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on ...:  
(f) other relevant matters”.

*Remark:*

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**Other relevant matters**

The Hellenic Republic does not manufacture or import mines.

**Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance**

Article 11 para 2 “The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially ... on:

- information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance”.

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: **HELLENIC REPUBLIC** reporting for time period from **Jan 01, 2019** to **Dec 31, 2019.***

**Means and technologies of mine clearance**

The Hellenic Army basically employs manual mine clearance. International practices and standards in mine clearance are followed.

**Lists of experts and expert agencies**

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

**National points of contact on mine clearance**

Hellenic Army General Staff/ Military Engineers Directorate, Stratopedo Papapanagiotou, Loutraki, Greece 20300.

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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
<b>M 2</b>	<b>154,777</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>DM 31</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>M 16</b>	<b>187,055</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>M 14</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>343,413</b>		

**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
-	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-

**Total : 0**

2. Areas suspected to contain mines

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
--VOID--				

**Form D APLMs 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
Various Engineer training units in locations all over Greece (under the intendance of the Engineers General Directorate of the Army General Staff)	M 14	3008	--VOID--	APLMs have been retained under the Article 3 for training soldiers in mine detection and clearance and canine detection.
	DM 31	1272		
	M 2 A4	1001	--VOID--	--VOID--
	M 16 A2	304		
<b>TOTAL</b>	→	<b>5585</b>		

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

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information (Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)
--VOID--	--VOID--	"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"



**Form D** (continued)

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
[See previous page, under para 1a]	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	All mines retained for training purposes are kept in certain Army Engineers training-units and are not transferred between them or elsewhere.
TOTAL	--VOID--	--VOID--		

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
APLM stockpiles transferred to the Hellenic Defense Systems S.A. from various stockpiles in Greece.	M2	29,557	--VOID--	Another 310,157 APLMs (out of the 343,413 remaining to be destroyed), are kept safely in Hellenic Armed Forces warehouses.
	DM 31	0		
	M16	3,699		
	M14	0		
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>33,256</b>		

**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
--VOID--	--VOID--	<b>Upon ratification of the Ottawa Convention, there were not any anti-personnel mine production facilities whatsoever in Greece.</b>
--VOID--	--VOID--	

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

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 APLMs (Article 4)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<p><b>The stockpiled Antipersonnel Mines (ApM) have been already gathered and transferred in 12 final sites, from which they are being collected and transferred to Hellenic Defense Systems in Lavrio, Attica, in order to be destroyed.</b></p> <p><b>Since the beginning of the APLMs destruction program, 1,224,754 have been destroyed, as part of total of 1,568,167 APLMs.</b></p>	
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

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

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
<p><b>All APLMs that had come out of the ground during the demining works in Evros have been destroyed in situ for safety reasons..</b></p>	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	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 APLMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>M2</b>	<b>17,419</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	
<b>DM 31</b>	<b>2,244</b>		
<b>M16</b>	<b>32,259</b>		
<b>M14</b>	<b>1,117</b>		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>53,039</b>		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</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 APLM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	Grams			
--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	-VOID-	--VOID--	--VOID-	--VOID--

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			
<b>M 16</b>	<b>H:14 cm D:10 cm</b>	<b>pressure – pull</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>453 grms</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>Jumping body cleared in the Evros Province. The other types of the stockpiled mines mentioned in Form B have not been used and are safely kept away in special depositories.</b>
<b>M 2</b>	<b>H:15.87 cm D:7.81 cm</b>	<b>pressure – pull</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>181,2 grms</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>--VOID--</b>	<b>Jumping body. — (See also suppl. info in the above cell)</b>

## 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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[Narrative:]

**All minefields along the border with Turkey in the Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by Amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs and don't include APLMs. All minefields have a double fence. Barbed wire was added to almost all the minefields of Evros. Mine casualties among illegal migrants trying to cross the border from Turkey are suffered from time to time because they are led to the border along river Evros at night and then instructed to ignore any mine fences and markings and walk into the Hellenic territory. Some times they are even aided in cutting the wire and led into minefields!. — Hellas offers, free of charge, health treatment through its National Health System to any person injured by landmines, irrespective of their legal status.**

**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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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

**VOID**