



**Représentation permanente de la Belgique
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies
et des Institutions spécialisées**

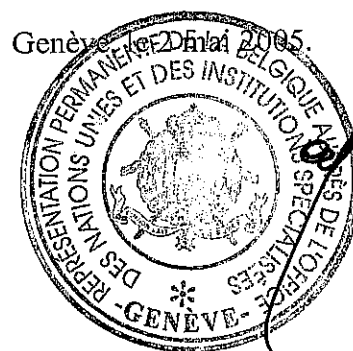
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La Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des Institutions spécialisées à Genève, de la Conférence du Désarmement et de l'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce à Genève présente ses compliments au Département des Nations Unies pour les Affaires de Désarmement et a l'honneur de lui transmettre, ci-joint, le rapport de la Belgique concernant l'Article 7 de la Convention sur l'Interdiction des Mines anti-personnel, portant sur la période de référence du 1^{er} janvier 2004 au 31 décembre 2004.

La Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des Institutions spécialisées à Genève, de la Conférence du Désarmement et de l'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce à Genève saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Département des Nations Unies pour les Affaires de Désarmement les assurances de sa haute considération.



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NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: BELGIUM

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2004 to 31/12/2004

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<p>Form D: APMs retained or transferred: changed</p>	<p>Form I: Warning measures: unchanged (last reporting: 2002) not applicable</p>
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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 7¹

STATE PARTY:

BELGIUM

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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".

State [Party]: **BELGIUM**

Reporting for time period **01 January 04** to **31 December 04**
from _____

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
Law of 9 March 1995 on anti-personnel mines, booby traps and similar devices	11 April 1995
Law of 24 June 1996 amending the Law of 3 January 1933 on arms production and trade, on the carrying of weapons and on ammunition trade, with a view to prohibiting the Belgian State and public services from storing anti-personnel mines.	19 July 1996
Law of 10 August 1998 on the ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction.	28 December 1998
Law of 30 March 2000 on the definitive prohibition of anti-personnel mines. This law simplified the existing procedure by canceling the five years moratorium.	17 April 2000

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			
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
NOT APPLICABLE				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
NOT APPLICABLE				

* 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"

State [Party]: **BELGIUM**

reporting for time period from **01 January 04** to **31 December 04**

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
ARMED FORCES	MB 35 Bg	4443		As of 01 January 2004
	MB 35 Bg	4176		As of 31 December 2004
TOTAL		4176		267 used for training purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention (see Form G)

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				
TOTAL	-----			

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				
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
NOTHING TO REPORT		

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."

State [Party]: **BELGIUM** reporting for time period from **01 January 04** to **31 December 04**

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	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	Methods
NOT APPLICABLE	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]: **BELGIUM**

reporting for time period from **01 January 04** to **31 December 04**

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
M 35 Bg	4489		Destroyed by our EOD Service in 1998
	424		1999, for training purposes in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention
	383		2000, at the Engineer School, 290 mines were used to educate 106 officers, NCO and soldiers as EOD personnel and to train 3010 militaries from combat units in " Mine Awareness" In Engineer Combat Units, 93 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners.
	334		2001, at the Engineer School, 190 mines were used to educate 13 NCO as EOD personnel and to train 3169 militaries from combat units in " Mine Awareness" EOD Service made explode 5 mines for training their personnel in humanitarian de-mining. In Engineer Combat Units, 139 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners.

	293		2002, At the Engineer School, 158 mines were used to educate NCOs as EOD personnel and to train 3550 militaries from combat units in "Mine Awareness" In Engineer Combat Units, 135 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners.
	363		2003, At the Engineer School, 182 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel. In Engineer Combat Units, 181 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners and to train militaries from combat units in "Mine Awareness" (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
	267		2004 At the Engineer School, 88 mines were used to educate Officers, NCOs and privates as EOD personnel. In Engineer Combat Units, 179 mines served for the operational training of their de-miners and to train militaries from combat units in "Mine Awareness" (In accordance with the Article 3 of the convention).
TOTAL	6286		

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
NOT APPLICABLE		
TOTAL		

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, color photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

State [Party]: **BELGIUM** reporting for time period from **01 January 04** to **31 December 04**

1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
NOT APPLICABLE							

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			
M 35 Bg	Ø 67 mm	Detonating type M SAIBg	TNT	102 gr	35 gr	No	

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".

State [Party]:

BELGIUM

reporting for time period from

01 January 04

to

31 December 04

[Narrative:] **NOT APPLICABLE**

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.

State Party: **BELGIUM** reporting for time period from **01 January 04** to **31 December 04**

Narrative / reference to other reports

1. From the stock retained under Article 3, no live mines were needed at this stage of research and development studies.

2. Belgian contribution to international assistance in 2004

A. In 2004, Belgian expenditure for international assistance, as shown in the table attached, represents an increase as compared to 2003. In addition, assistance in kind is made available for de-mining as well as the development of new technologies

B. The Belgian Ministry of Defence organised EOD courses (EOD Team Chief) open to foreign military in 2004. From 16 slots that were available in 2004, 12 were occupied by military and civilians from ANGOLA, BENIN, GABON, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. Total cost estimated at 96.000 €.

C. Summarizing table 2004

(1) Cambodia

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence in co-operation with LUXEMBOURG
Financial 401.120 Euro and in kind Ministry of Defence (estimated at 105.000 EURO) 5 Belgian EOD Operators as technical advisers to the Cambodia Mine Action Centre.
UXO clearance - capacity-building (EOD Branch of CMAC)
Cambodia technical assistance to CMAC for mine clearance operations

(2) Laos

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence
Financial 367 158 Euro and in kind (Estimated at 36,000 EURO) 2 EOD Operators as technical advisers to the Lao National
Unexploded Ordnance Program.
UXO clearance - capacity-building
UXO clearance in the province of CHAMPASSAK Ministry of Defence

135,000 Euro
To the UNDP "UXO LAOS"

(3) Kosovo

Ministry of Defence
In kind (estimated at 150 000 Euro per years mission)
3 UXO clearance experts involved in UXO clearance - capacity-building
The UXO clearance is executed in conformity with the mandate of KFOR and assistance to local de-mining organisations.

(4) Bosnia

Ministry of Defence
In kind (estimated at 26,000 EURO per four months mission)
4 UXO clearance experts involved in storage management of stockpiled mines and ammunition.
SFOR: ammunition reduction program

(5) Afghanistan

Ministry of Defence
In kind (estimated at 26,000 EURO per four months mission)
4 UXO clearance experts
200,000 Euro to UNMAS
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Budget for development co-operation)

(6) EUEM

Ministry of Defence.

In kind (Estimated at 1600 EURO).
1 military is a "full-time" member of the advisory panel within the project that is sponsored by the EU.

(7) APOPO

500.000 Euro

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Budget for development co-operation)
Financial
Research and Development - Studies
Research into the use of biosensors (rats) in humanitarian mine clearance operations
Non-profit making association APOPO

(8) PARADIS

Ministry of Defence
Financial 86.500 EURO
Research and Development
Developing a software instrument for de-mine planning and follow-up of de-mining operations.
Royal Military Academy

(9) BEMAT (=HUDEM follow-on project)

Ministry of Defence
Financial 300.000 EURO
Research and Development:
Analysing and developing technologies for close-in detection of mines and remote area reduction as well as low cost robotic solutions
Royal Military Academy and 8 Belgian universities

(10) National contribution to the EC/JRC "Multi-Sensor Mine Signature" project (MISMS)

Ministry of Defence : Contribution in kind (estimated at 10.000 EURO) to balance an equivalent financial contribution from the EC/DG JRC (also estimated at 10.000 EURO).
Essentially travel costs and per diem for the test managers participating in the technical reports drafting committee.
Tests and Evaluation.

Creating a free cost database of mine signatures.
Royal Military Academy

(11) National support to the International Test & Evaluation Program (ITEP) MoU

Ministry of Defence
Financial 122.800 EURO
Tests and Evaluation assisted by 2 military UXO experts in LAOS during six weeks.
Developing standards for testing and evaluating performances of de-mining tools to be fielded as well as testing and evaluating those tools (Royal Military Academy)

(12) Landmine Monitor/Handicap International

100.000 Eur
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Assistance to Landmine Monitor in reviewing the implementation of the Convention

(13) Contribution to project EC/DG INFSO Project "Space- and Airborn Area Reduction Tools (SMART)"

Ministry of Defence
In kind (estimated 12.000 EURO).
Administrative costs support to the financing by EC/DG INFSO of the project "SMART" (135.415 EURO) conducted in collaboration with CROMAC, DLR (GE), ENST (FR), ULB /IGEAT (BE), TRASY S.A. (BE)

Development of processing algorithms tailored to produce a risk assessment and danger map from context information and data collected above three contaminated areas in Croatia by an airship platform equipped with polarimetric SAR and a multispectral sensor
Royal Military Academy

(14) Support of the Belgian Bomb Disposal Unit to project EC / DG INFSO Project "Concept for Low-risk Efficient Area Reduction based on the Fusion of Advanced Sensor Technologies (CLEARFAST)"

Ministry of Defence
Financial (estimated 10.000 EURO)

Infrastructure and personnel costs in support to trials. The project is conducted by VUB (BEL) in collaboration with RLS (GER), BACTEC (GBR), TAMAM (IRL)

Clear Fast proposes a two-step concept for Level 2 surveys: Level 2A is a long-range observation under changing natural illumination of the suspected area, using a Multi-Spectral IR (MSIR) sensor and time sequence analysis. Level 2B minefield delineation/area reduction is based on a multi-sensor array and data fusion technology.

(15) ICRC “Special appeal “

2.000.000 Euro

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium (Directorate-General for Political Multilateral Relations and Thematic Questions)
Financial
Victim Assistance, Advocacy and Prevention
Special appeal for

(16) R.D of Congo (Kisangani)

1.000.000 Euro

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium (Directorate-General for Political Multilateral Relations and Thematic Questions)
De-mining assistance and Advocacy and Prevention
Handicap International Belgium