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Mines Retained For Training in Mine Detection, Mine Clearance, or Mine Destruction Techniques (Article 3)

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Article 3 of the Mine Ban Treaty permits the retention or transfer of a number of antipersonnel mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques. The amount of such mines shall not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for the above-mentioned purposes. Of the current 151 States Parties, 69 retain over 250,000 antipersonnel mines for training and research purposes. **Latvia** joined this group in May 2006 as it declared its intent to retain 1,301 antipersonnel mines when it submitted its initial transparency report as a State Party.

A total of 66 States Parties have thus far chosen not to retain any mines. **Hungary** (October 2005) and **Nigeria** (November 2005) recently joined this group by announcing the destruction of their entire stockpiles of retained mines. A total of 16 States Parties once possessed stockpiles but have chosen not to retain any mines. In addition, **Macedonia FYR** recently informed Landmine Monitor of its intent to destroy its entire stockpile of 4,000 retained mines in "the very near future." A total of 11 States Parties have not declared whether they intend to retain any mines, and five States Parties have expressed their intent to retain mines but have not declared the quantities.

Only five States Parties account for nearly one-third of all retained mines: Brazil (16,125), Turkey (16,000), Algeria (15,030), Bangladesh (14,999), and Sweden (14,798). A total of 10 States Parties retain between 5,000 and 10,000 mines: Namibia, Belarus, Australia, Greece, Japan, Croatia, Chile, and Serbia & Montenegro, Sudan, and Tunisia.

The majority of States Parties that retain mines, a total of 37, retain between 1,000 and 5,000 mines. **Ecuador** recently announced the destruction of 1,970 retained mines in 2005. Another 17 States Parties retain less than 1,000 mines.

States Parties agreed to adopt a new voluntary expanded reporting format for Form D on retained mines at the Sixth Meeting of States Parties in Zagreb, Croatia in November/December 2005. Initially proposed jointly by Argentina and Chile, this modified format allows States Parties to report on the intended purposes and actual uses of mines retained under Article 3. **Argentina** used the new format in their annual update for calendar year 2004 submitted in 2005. So far in 2006, reporting on calendar year 2005, **Hungary**, **Iceland**, and **Nicaragua** have made use of the new format. Landmine Monitor strongly encourages States Parties to use the expanded reporting format available at: <http://www.gichd.ch/1166.0.html>



Established in 1998, Landmine Monitor is an initiative of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, 1997 Nobel Peace Prize Co-Laureate

Retaining Mines		Used in 2005	Not Retaining Mines	Not Known
Brazil	16,125	#	Albania*	Bhutan
Turkey	16,000	#	Andorra	Brunei
Algeria	15,030	#	Antigua & Barbuda	Cape Verde
Bangladesh	14,999	0	Austria*	Cook Islands
Sweden	14,798	#	Bahamas	Ethiopia
Australia	7,395	#	Barbados	Equatorial Guinea
Greece	7,224	#	Belize	Guyana
Japan	6,946	#	Benin	Haiti
Croatia	6,400	#	Bolivia	Sao Tome e Principe
Namibia	6,151	#	Cambodia*	Ukraine
Belarus	6,030	#	Central African Rep.	Vanuatu
Chile	5,895	#	Chad*	
Serbia & Montenegro	5,000	#	Comoros	
Sudan	5,000	#	Costa Rica	
Tunisia	5,000	#	Cote D'Ivoire	
Venezuela	4,960	#	Dominica	
Czech Republic	4,829	#	Dominican Rep.	
Thailand	4,761	?	Estonia	
France	4,455	#	Fiji	
South Africa	4,388	#	Gabon*	
Belgium	4,176	#	Gambia	
Peru	4,024	#	Ghana	
Macedonia FYR	4,000	#	Grenada	
Yemen	4,000	0	Guatemala	
Bulgaria	3,676	#	Guinea*	
Zambia	3,346	#	Holy See	
Netherlands	3,176	#	Hungary*	
Kenya	3,000	#	Iceland	
Djibouti	2,996	#	Jamaica	
Slovenia	2,993	1	Kiribati	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2,755	#	Liberia	
Romania	2,500	#	Lithuania*	
Germany	2,496	#	Lesotho	
Ecuador	2,001	--	Liechtenstein	
Mali	2,000	#	Madagascar	
Denmark	1,989	#	Malaysia*	
Canada	1,937	#	Malawi	
Afghanistan	1,887	0	Maldives	
United Kingdom	1,795	?	Malta	
Uganda	1,746	#	Mauritius*	
Argentina	1,680	#	Mexico	
Slovakia	1,427	#	Monaco	
Angola	1,390	#	Nauru	
Mozambique	1,319	151	New Zealand*	
Latvia	1,301	--	Niger	
Spain	1,288	0	Nigeria*	
Burundi	1,212	#	Niue	
Tanzania	1,146	0	Norway*	
Portugal	1,115	#	Panama	
Nicaragua	1,040	?	Papua New Guinea	
Cyprus	1,000	#	Paraguay	
Jordan	1,000	#	Philippines*	
Luxembourg	956	#	Qatar	
Sierra Leone	956	#	St. Kitts & Nevis	
Colombia	886	#	St. Lucia	
Honduras	826	#	St. Vincent & Grenadines	
Italy	806	#	Samoa	
Mauritania	728	0	San Marino	
Zimbabwe	700	#	Senegal	
Uruguay	500	#	Seychelles	
Togo	436	#	Solomon Islands	
Congo Rep. of	372	#	Swaziland	
Tajikistan	255	0	Switzerland*	
Moldova	249	0	Timor-Leste	
Eritrea	222	#	Trinidad & Tobago	
Suriname	150	#	Turkmenistan*	
Rwanda	101	#		
El Salvador	96	#		
Ireland	77	8		

Intent to Retain Expressed, No Figure Declared

Botswana
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
DR Congo
Guinea Bissau

= annual transparency report for 2005 due by 30 April 2006 not publicly available on UN DDA website

? = number reduced but consumption not accounted for in report

-- = not applicable for reporting period

* = once stockpiled mines