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National Implementation Measures**(Article 9)**

Article 9 of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty states, "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" by the treaty.

However, only 35 of the 131 countries that have ratified or acceded to the treaty have passed domestic laws implementing the treaty. Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, Iceland, and Malta are the most recent states to enact legislation. Another 23 States Parties report that formal steps to enact legislation are underway.

A total of 18 governments have indicated that they do not believe a new implementation law is required. In some cases, these governments believe existing laws are sufficient, or have adapted existing laws, or have enacted domestic measures short of full implementation legislation. In other cases, governments believe no steps are necessary because they have never possessed antipersonnel mines and are not mine-affected.

The ICBL is concerned, however, about the need for all states to pass legislation that would impose penal sanctions for any potential future violations of the treaty, and would provide for full implementation of all aspects of the convention. Landmine Monitor is unaware of any progress to enact domestic legislation implementing the Mine Ban Treaty in 55 States Parties. In some of these 55 states, the issue is "under study."

The ICRC, in cooperation with the ICBL and the government of Belgium, has produced an "Information Kit on the Development of National Legislation to Implement the Convention of the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines." This kit is available from the ICRC in English, French, and Spanish.

The following table summarizes the status of national implementation measures.

Summary National Implementation Measures

	Africa	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe-Central Asia	Middle East-North Africa
Legislation Passed	Burkina Faso Mali Mauritius Zimbabwe	Brazil Colombia Costa Rica Canada Guatemala Nicaragua Trinidad & Tobago	Australia Cambodia Japan Malaysia New Zealand	Austria Belgium Bulgaria Czech Republic France Germany Hungary Iceland Ireland Italy Liechtenstein Luxembourg Malta Monaco Norway Spain Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom	
Legislation in process	Botswana Cote D'Ivoire Mauritania Mozambique Niger Seychelles South Africa Swaziland Uganda Zambia	Chile El Salvador Venezuela	Philippines Samoa Thailand	Albania Bosnia Herzegovina Croatia Moldova Romania	Tunisia Yemen
Existing law deemed sufficient or new legislation not considered necessary	Lesotho Namibia Rwanda	Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Mexico Dominican Republic Panama Peru		Andorra Denmark Macedonia FYR Netherlands Portugal Slovakia Slovenia	Algeria Jordan
Unknown or No progress noted or Legislation being studied and under consideration	Angola Benin Cameroon Cape Verde Cent. African Rep. Chad Comoros Congo Brazzaville Congo DR Djibouti Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Gabon Gambia Ghana Guinea Guinea Bissau Kenya Liberia Madagascar Malawi Nigeria Senegal Sierra Leone Tanzania Togo	Bahamas Barbados Belize Bolivia Dominica Ecuador Grenada Honduras Jamaica Paraguay Saint Kitts & Nevis Saint Lucia St. Vincent & Gren. Suriname Uruguay	Afghanistan Bangladesh Fiji Kiribati Maldives Nauru Niue Solomon Is.	Cyprus Holy See San Marino Tajikistan Turkmenistan	Qatar