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TRANSPARENCY MEASURES REPORTING (Article 7)

Article 7 (Transparency Measures) of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty states that "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary General of the United Nations as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than 180 days after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party" on steps taken to implement aspects of the convention. Thereafter, States Parties are obligated to report annually, by 30 April, on the preceding calendar year.

As of 29 May 2002, the UN had received initial transparency measures reports from 87 States Parties. One signatory, Cameroon, submitted its report even though it has yet to officially ratify the convention. A total of 30 States Parties are late submitting initial reports. **The overall compliance rate of States Parties submitting initial transparency measures reports is 75 percent.** This is an improvement from the 66 percent compliance rate reported on 1 February 2002.

The 87 States Parties, and one signatory, which have deposited their initial transparency measures reports are listed below:

Albania	Czech Rep.	Liechtenstein	Portugal
Andorra	Denmark	Luxembourg	Romania
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Rep.	Macedonia FYR	Rwanda
Argentina	Ecuador	Madagascar	Saint Kitts & Nevis
Australia	El Salvador	Malaysia	San Marino
Austria	Fiji	Mali	Senegal
Bahamas	France	Malta	Slovakia
Belgium	Germany	Mauritania	Slovenia
Belize	Grenada	Mauritius	South Africa
Benin	Guatemala	Mexico	Spain
Bolivia	Holy See	Moldova	Swaziland
Bosnia Herzegovina	Honduras	Monaco	Sweden
Botswana	Hungary	Mozambique	Switzerland
Brazil	Iceland	Netherlands	Thailand
Bulgaria	Ireland	New Zealand	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Italy	Nicaragua	Turkmenistan
Cambodia	Jamaica	Niue	Uganda
Cameroon (<i>Signatory</i>)	Japan	Norway	Uruguay
Canada	Jordan	Panama	United Kingdom
Colombia	Kenya	Paraguay	Yemen
Costa Rica	Kiribati	Peru	Zambia
Croatia	Lesotho	Philippines	Zimbabwe

NOTE: the sole source of the information in this fact sheet is the information posted on the UN DDA website (<http://disarmament.un.org/mineban.nsf>) on 29 May 2002.

LATE INITIAL REPORTS

The 30 States Parties who are late in submitting their initial transparency measures report as required by Article 7 of the Mine Ban Treaty are listed below in alphabetical order (see following for a chronological listing).

<u>Country</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Bangladesh	28 August 2001	Maldives	28 August 2001
Barbados	28 December 1999	Namibia	28 August 1999
Cape Verde	30 April 2002	Nauru	31 July 2001
Chad	29 April 2000	Niger	28 February 2000
Congo Brazzaville	30 April 2002	Qatar	28 September 1999
Cote d'Ivoire	30 May 2001	Saint Lucia	29 March 2000
Djibouti	28 August 1999	Samoa	28 August 1999
Dominica	28 February 2000	Seychelles	30 May 2001
Equatorial Guinea	28 August 1999	Sierra Leone	30 March 2002
Gabon	28 August 2001	Solomon Islands	28 December 1999
Ghana	30 May 2001	Tajikistan	28 September 2000
Guinea	28 September 1999	Tanzania	28 October 2001
Guinea-Bissau	30 April 2002	Togo	28 February 2001
Liberia	28 November 2000	Trinidad Tobago	28 August 1999
Malawi	28 August 1999	Venezuela	29 March 2000

ANNUAL UPDATES IN 2002

45 States Parties have submitted annual reports so far in 2002: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Rep., Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, and Yemen.

32 States Parties are eligible to and have not submitted annual updates for 2002: Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Dominican Rep., Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Macedonia FYR, Mozambique, Paraguay, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

PENDING DEADLINES

Initial transparency measures reports will be due from seven States Parties. These deadlines are listed below in alphabetical order (see following for a chronological listing).

Algeria	28 September 2002
Chile	28 August 2002
DR Congo	30 April 2003
Eritrea	31 July 2002
Nigeria	28 August 2002
St. Vincent & Grenadines	31 July 2002
Suriname	30 April 2003

Chronological Listing of Late Initial Report Submission Dates

28 August 1999	28 February 2001
Djibouti	Togo
Equatorial Guinea	30 May 2001
Malawi	Cote D'Ivoire
Mauritius	Ghana
Namibia	Seychelles
Samoa	31 July 2001
Trinidad and Tobago	Nauru
28 September 1999	28 August 2001
Guinea	Bangladesh
Qatar	Gabon
28 December 1999	Maldives
Barbados	28 October 2001
Solomon Islands	Tanzania
28 February 2000	30 March 2002
Dominica	Sierra Leone
Niger	30 April 2002
29 March 2000	Cape Verde
St. Lucia	Congo Brazzaville
Venezuela	Guinea Bissau
29 April 2000	30 March 2002
Chad	Sierra Leone
28 September 2000	30 April 2002
Tajikistan	Cape Verde
28 November 2000	Congo Brazzaville
Liberia	Guinea-Bissau

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Nigeria	