



**ICBL-Landmine Monitor  
Stockpile Destruction Update**

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# Status Overview

- **141 States Parties do not have stockpiles, apart from those retained for training purposes.**
  - 76 have completed destruction
    - More than 40 million antipersonnel mines destroyed.
  - 58 indicated they had no stocks to destroy upon joining the treaty
  - 7 are assumed to have no stocks, even though they have not made an official declaration.
  - Indonesia and Montenegro will formally announce the presence or absence of stockpiles their initial transparency measures report.
- **12 States Parties still in progress:**
  - Afghanistan, Belarus (3.7 million), Burundi, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Greece (1.6 million), Indonesia, Montenegro, Serbia, Sudan, Turkey (3 million), and Ukraine (6.7 million)
  - 15 million antipersonnel mines remain to be destroyed.



# Recent Developments

- Latvia announced completion at 7MSP.
- Angola completed its stockpile destruction program, meeting its 1 January 2007 deadline.
- Afghanistan was apparently unable to destroy all known stockpiled mines by its deadline of March 2007.
- Brunei, Guyana, and Vanuatu have officially declared not having stocks.
- Serbia intends to complete destruction in mid-May.
  - Will include stockpiles from Montenegro



# Upcoming Destruction Deadlines

- **July 2007: Cyprus**
- **Sep 2007: [Sao Tome e Principe]**
- **Mar 2008: Belarus, Greece, Serbia, Turkey**
- **Apr 2008: Burundi, Sudan**
- **June 2009: Ethiopia**
- **Feb 2010: [Bhutan]**
- **June 2010: Ukraine**
- **Aug 2010: [Haiti]**
- **Sep 2010: [Cook Islands]**
- **Aug 2011: Indonesia**
- **April 2011: Montenegro**



# Issues and Concerns

- **Afghanistan: missed deadline**
- **Recent completions, but stocks still to be found**
  - The DR Congo and Angola, as well as Afghanistan, have all indicated that they anticipate that stockpiles of antipersonnel mines will continue to be discovered, reported, and destroyed as these countries continue to cope with conflict and post-conflict situations, and to implement disarmament and demobilization programs.
- **Belarus and Ukraine: destruction of PFM type mines and missing deadlines**
- **Failure to confirm compliance:**
  - Equatorial Guinea (March 2003), Cape Verde (November 2005) and Gambia (March 2007) have never submitted an Article 7 transparency report.
  - Nor has São Tomé e Príncipe, whose deadline for stockpile destruction is September 2007.



# **Reporting on and Destroying Captured or Newly Discovered Stockpiles (1)**

- **Action #15 of the Nairobi Action Plan**
  - “When previously unknown stockpiles are discovered after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed, report such discoveries in accordance with their obligations under Article 7, take advantage of other informal means to share such information and destroy these mines as a matter of urgent priority.”
- **Final Report of the 7MSP**
  - “States Parties continued to discuss their commitment to report, in accordance with Article 7 and through in-formal means, discoveries of previously unknown stockpiles found after stockpile destruction deadlines have passed. And they reaffirmed the need to destroy these mines as a matter of urgent priority. It was suggested that Form G of the Article 7 reporting format could be amended to facilitate reporting.”

# Reporting on and Destroying Captured or Newly Discovered Stockpiles (2)

- Since mid-2006, there have been reports of discoveries or seizures of antipersonnel mines in:
  - Afghanistan (by national and coalition forces)
  - Algeria
  - Bangladesh
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina (by EUFOR)
  - Colombia
  - DR Congo
  - Philippines

