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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre, and has the honour to transmit herewith the response of the Republic of Poland to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and Explosive Remants of War.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE, and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, <sup>S</sup>A May 2024



To: All Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre <u>Vienna</u>

# The Republic of Poland

### OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

# **Reporting period: 2023**

### Part I

1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

### YES.

### If yes:

2. Please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

# The report can be assessed under this link: <u>https://disarmament.unoda.org/ccw-amended-protocol-ii/national-annual-reports-and-data-base/ccw-apii-database/</u>

#### Part II

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?

# YES.

8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

# The cover page for the report can be found here: <u>https://disarmament.unoda.org/anti-personnel-landmines-convention/article-7-reports/article-7-database/</u>

(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?

### Refer to 7 and 8.(a).

(c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage,

transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

Pls. refer to our initial report which is available at the following link:

https://geneva-s3.unoda.org/artvii-database-dump/Poland/2013.pdf

where we have enumerated the legal measures that were introduced to implement the APLC Convention in Poland (Form A, "National implementation measures").

9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?

No, but as far as Polish citizens are concerned general regulations are applied. Mine/UXO survivors are entitled to the same standards of public healthcare as all other insured persons. Military casualties are entitled to medicine and orthopaedic equipment free of charge.

10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.

NO.

11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.

Poland has some capacities in this respect but any such engagement would have to be subject to a specific request and additional arrangements.

# The Republic of Poland

# OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

# **Reporting period: 2023**

1. Has your country notified the Depositary of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force?

# Poland ratified PV on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and in the following year it entered into force (26<sup>th</sup> March 2012).

Is your country considering doing so?

# Refer to 1.

2. If yes, at what stage is the process?

### Refer to 1 and 2.

3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

NO.

4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

Poland has some capacities in this respect but any such engagement would have to be a subject to a specific request and additional arrangements.