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### **Note Verbale**

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) presents its compliments to all Delegations and Permanent Missions of OSCE participating States and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and, with reference to Decision 7/04 of the Forum for Security Co-operation, has the honour to submit the response of Iceland to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of War.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Delegations and Permanent Missions of OSCE participating states and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration

Permanent Mission of Iceland Vienna, 2 June 2025



To all Delegations / Permanent Missions to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre Vienna

# OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

### FSC DECISION/7/04

## **Response from ICELAND**

## May 2025

## 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, Iceland ratified the Amended Protocol II on 22 August 2008.

## 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.

Iceland's most recent annual report submitted in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol, covering the year 2024, is attached as Annex I.

### If no:

- 3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II? N/A
- 4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?

The use of mines, booby-traps and similar devices is prohibited in Iceland. Act No. 67/2023 on Disarmament, Arms Control, and Export Control contains provisions regarding the implementation of various international obligations, including the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.

Iceland does not require such assistance.

6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.

The Icelandic Coast Guard operates an explosive ordinance disposal (EOD) unit and leads annual EOD exercises conducted in Iceland under the auspices of NATO. Iceland has contributed to EOD training programmes for Ukraine since 2022. Iceland and Lithuania have since 2024 co-lead the Demining Coalition of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group.

## 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, Iceland ratified the Convention on 5 May 1999.

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.

Iceland's most recent report submitted in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, covering the year 2024, is attached as Annex II.

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

The use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel landmines is prohibited in Iceland. Act No. 67/2023 on Disarmament, Arms Control, and Export Control contains provisions regarding the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

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

Iceland has provided assistance to victims through international cooperation. Since 2022, Iceland has provided prosthetics equipment and training to Ukraine for those injured in the war, including victims of anti-personnel mines.

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

Iceland does not require such assistance.

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

Iceland has such capacity; see item 6 in Part I.

# OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

To be submitted on a voluntary basis along with the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-personnel Mines no later than 31 May each year.

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? Is your country considering doing so?

Iceland ratified Protocol V on 22 August 2008.

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

See above.

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

Iceland does not require such assistance.

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

Iceland has such capacity; see item 6 in Part I.

### AMENDED PROTOCOL II

PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)

#### **SUMMARY SHEET**

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2, pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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### AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Reporting for time period from: **01.01.2024** 31.12.2024 to: dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy Form A: Dissemination of information: changed unchanged unchanged (last reporting year: 2015) Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed unchanged unchanged (last reporting year: 2015) changed Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: unchanged (last reporting year: 2015) Form D: Legislation: Changed unchanged (last reporting year: 2015) Form E: International technical information exchange, cochanged operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and | unchanged assistance: (last reporting year: 2015) Form F: Other relevant matters: changed unchanged unchanged (last reporting year: 2015) Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine changed unchanged unchanged clearance: (last reporting year: 2015)

## Article 7 Report - 1 January to 31 December 2024

### Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Annual Article 7 Reporting

Welcome to the online reporting platform,

- The online reporting platform has been established to support your reporting efforts in accordance with the Guide to Reporting.
- In accordance with Article 7, your report is required to be submitted to the depository of the Convention by 30 April each year.
- Please fill out your contact information first and then proceed to the summary report. For every section of the summary report, please indicate if the information is "changed", "unchanged" or "not applicable". Once you have filled out the summary report, you will only be allowed to fill out forms where you indicated that information has "changed" in the summary report.
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- Once submitted, you will be able to view but not edit your report.
- Should you encounter any difficulty while using the online reporting platform, please contact the ISU at isu@apminebanconvention.org



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## Summary report

For every section of the summary report, please indicate if the information is "changed", "unchanged" or "not applicable".

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The summary report can be used as a substitute for submitting the detailed report only if all of the information to be provided in the annual report is the same as in past reports.

A. National implementation measures:			
□ changed	Last reporting year:		
<b>ⓒ</b> unchanged	2024		
B. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:  changed unchanged non applicable  C. Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes: changed			
<ul><li>☐ unchanged</li><li>☑ non applicable</li></ul>			
D. Areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines:  ☐ changed ☐ unchanged ☑ non applicable			
E. Mine risk education and reduction efforts  ☐ changed ☐ unchanged ☑ non applicable			
F. Technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines:  ☐ changed ☐ unchanged ☑ non applicable			
G. Conversion or decommissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities:  ☐ changed ☐ unchanged ☑ non applicable			
H. Victim assistance:  ☐ changed ☐ unchanged ☑ non applicable			
I. Cooperation and assistance:  ☐ changed  ☑ unchanged ☐ non applicable	Last reporting year:		
J. Other relevant matters:  ☐ changed ☐ unchanged ☐ non applicable	Last reporting year:		
Add any additional information			
Attachments (eg. Note Verbale)			
No attachment.			