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LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS PASTĀVĪGĀ PĀRSTĀVNICĪBA ANO, EDSO UN CITĀS
STARPTAUTISKAJĀS ORGANIZĀCIJĀS VĪNĒ

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO THE UN, OSCE AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

No. EDSO-16057

Verbal Note

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Permanent Delegations and Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE and, in accordance with the FSC Decision No.7/04, has the honour to submit Latvia's reply to the OSCE *Questionnaire on Anti-personnel Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War*.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Delegations and Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna, June 20, 2017

**To: All Permanent Missions and
Delegations to the OSCE,
CPC of the OSCE**

Vienna

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

To be submitted no later than 31 May of each year
(starting in May 2005)

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)?

The Amended Protocol II (*Protocol II on Prohibition or Restriction on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as Amended on May 3, 1996*) to the 1980 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 was ratified by Latvia on August 22, 2002 and came into force on February 22, 2003.

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.

Annuals report is attached to this document

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?

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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?

On May 19, 2005 the Parliament of Latvia ratified the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction (Ottawa Convention)*. The instrument of accession was deposited in Depository in July, 2005. Latvia became a full member of Ottawa Convention on January 1, 2006.

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.

Report is attached to this document.

(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?

Anti-Personnel Mines are not produced or manufactured in Latvia. Latvia introduced a moratorium on the export and transit of anti-personnel mines in 1995. There are no time limits for this ban. The List of National Strategic Goods and Services include anti-personnel mines into the list of goods to be controlled additional to those included in the EU regulations as well as prohibit export and transit of anti-personnel mines.

National Legislation of the Republic of Latvia

-Law on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (in force since June 2, 2005).

- Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 645 of September 25, 2007 on the List of National Strategic Goods and Services include anti-personnel mines into the list of goods to be controlled additional to those included in the EU regulations as well as prohibit export and transit of anti-personnel mines.

- The Code for Administrative Violations imposes liability for violations of provisions of circulation, manufacturing, storage and use of strategic goods and arms and explosive devices as well as their export, import and transit.

-The Criminal Law imposes liability for smuggling of explosive devices. Section XX (Article 233) of the Criminal Law stipulates punishment for unauthorized manufacture, repair, acquisition, storage, carrying, transportation, forwarding and sale of weapons and explosives.

-Since 2010 Latvia is bound by the Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War of 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.

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

There are no special programs for victims of anti-personnel landmines. However, there are general provisions for victims included in the Law on State Compensations to Victims of 2006. The Law provides that a person, who in accordance with the procedures specified by the Criminal Procedure Law has been recognized a victim, has the right to receive a state compensation regarding moral injury, physical suffering or financial loss as a result of an intentional criminal offence, if the criminal offence has been directed against the life or health of a person and death of the person has occurred or severe, moderate bodily injuries have been caused to the victim.

Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No.279 of April 4, 2009 “Regarding the Procedures by Which Persons Receive Social Rehabilitation Services in Social Rehabilitation Institutions and Requirements for the Social Rehabilitation Services Providers” entitle persons with functional impairment, who comply with the criteria set out in the regulations, to receive state funded social rehabilitation services.

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

No assistance is required. There are no production facilities or mined areas in the territory of the Republic of Latvia. Destruction programme of stockpiled APMs was finished in year 2006. Mines that were retained for training were completely destroyed in 2010.

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

In 2016 Latvia did not contribute to any mine action related funds.

Latvian National Armed Forces continuously train EOD specialists for destruction of unexploded ordnance. Latvian National Armed Forces Explosive Ordnance Disposal School (EOD) offers International Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance Course (EOR) and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Course (EOD).

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?

The Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War of 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 entered into force for Latvia on March 16, 2010.

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

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

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

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**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

STATE [PARTY]:

REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

State [Party]: REPUBLIC OF LATVIA reporting for time period from 01.01.2016. to 31.12.2016.

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

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**COVER PAGE¹
OF THE ANNUAL ARTICLE 7 REPORT**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

REPORTING PERIOD: 01.01.2016. to 31.12.2016.
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<p>Form A: National implementation measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2011)</p>	<p>Form F: Programme of APM destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2011) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2012) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form G: APM destroyed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2012) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form C: Location of mined areas: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2011) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form H: Technical characteristics: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2012) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form D: APMs retained or transferred: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2012) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form I: Warning measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2011) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form E: Status of conversion programmes: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2012) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form J: Other Relevant Matters: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2016) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>

¹ Notes on using the cover page:

1. The cover page could be used as a **complement** to submitting detailed forms adopted at the [First and Second] Meetings of the States parties in instances when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports. That is, when using the cover page, only forms within which there is new information would need to be submitted.
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3. If an indication is made on the cover sheet that the information to be provided with respect to a particular form would be unchanged in relationship to a previous year's form, the date of submission of the previous form should be clearly indicated.

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

NAME OF THE HIGH
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: 13.03.2017.

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Reporting for time period
from: **01.01.2016.** to: **31.12.2016.**
dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy

- Form A:** Dissemination of information: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2010)
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2010)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2010)
- Form D:** Legislation: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2010)
- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2010)
- Form F:** Other relevant matters: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2016)
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2016)

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS