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Verbal Note

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE, and has the honour to submit the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines for the year 2024.

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

Vienna, 25 April 2025



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

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

Republic of Lithuania

Reporting period: 2024

Date of submission: April 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. *The instrument of ratification of the 1980 UN 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 and all its additional protocols, including the Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, was deposited on 3 June 1998. The protocol entered into force on 3 December 1998.*

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 most recent report can be found at [Amended Protocol II Database \(2006 – present\) – UNODA](#), “Lithuania”.

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. *Lithuanian Parliament has ratified the Convention on 25 March 2003. The Convention entered into force for Lithuania on 1 November 2003.*

- 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 most recent report can be found at [Article 7 database \(1999 – present\) – UNODA](#), “Lithuania”.

- (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?

Lithuania is a mine free country. Therefore, no specific legislation is required. In accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Code – producing, acquiring, stockpiling, carrying, brokering for and transferring of anti-personnel mines – is a criminal offence.

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

Lithuania is not affected by mines, therefore a special mine victim assistance programme is not required.

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.

Lithuanian Ministry of Defence in July 2023 announced initiative to launch the international Demining Capability Coalition for Ukraine. This coalition aims to address immediate mine clearance needs of Armed Forces and Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and to foster modern demining capabilities for the long term – providing equipment, training, and sustainability. To achieve the best results, Lithuania proposed that Iceland co-lead the Coalition, as the country had previously contributed to training Ukrainian soldiers in Lithuania through the Nordic-Lithuanian Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Initiative. For the time being 23 countries are already involved in this coalition, and 12 of them have already joined the Cooperation Arrangement between Lithuania, Iceland and Ukraine concerning the Demining Capability Coalition Cooperation of 13 August 2024. Participation in the coalition is voluntary, allowing nations to contribute financially, in-kind, or through training efforts.

Representatives from the Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD unit participated in the international IEDD exercises Northern Challenge 2024 (Iceland), IED Rodeo (Germany), and EOD Hussar (Poland). These exercises focused on conducting various IEDD tasks and developing individual EOD operators' skills.

During the year 2024, Lithuanian Land Force training center organized Explosive ordnance clearance courses for Ukrainian military personnel.

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

To be submitted on a voluntary basis along with
the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-personnel Mines

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?

Yes. *Lithuanian Parliament has ratified the Protocol on 29 September 2004 and notified the Depositary accordingly. The Protocol entered into force on 12 November 2006.*

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

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. *Lithuania is a mine free country.*

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

The most recent report can be found at [Protocol V Database \(2008 – present\) – UNODA](#), “Lithuania”.