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*Permanent Mission
of the Republic of Poland
to the Organization for Security
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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 Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and pursuant to the Decision 7/04 of the Forum for Security Cooperation, has the honor to submit the requested information on anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war for 2019.

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 the all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest considerations.

Vienna, 29 May 2020



To:

**All Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE in Vienna
The Conflict Prevention Center**

Vienna

The Republic of Poland

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

Reporting period: 2019

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.

As enclosed.

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.

As enclosed.

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

Refer to 7.

- (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?

In our initial report which is available at the following link:

[http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/981E071DBA17A089C1257C310050A5F9/\\$file/Poland+initial+report.pdf](http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/981E071DBA17A089C1257C310050A5F9/$file/Poland+initial+report.pdf),

we listed the legal measures that were introduced to implement the 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 exist. 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: 2019

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 26th September 2011 and in the following year it entered into force (26th March 2012).

Is your country considering doing so?

Refer to 1.

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

Refer to 1.

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.

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

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: _____ POLAND _____

REPORTING PERIOD: _____ 01/01/2019 _____ to _____ 31/12/2019 _____
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<p>Form A: National implementation measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013)</p>	<p>Form F: Programme of APM destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form G: APM destroyed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form C: Location of mined areas: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form H: Technical characteristics: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form D: APMs retained or transferred: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form I: Warning measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form E: Status of conversion programmes: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form J: Other Relevant Matters: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" 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.
2. The cover page could be used as a **substitute** for submitting detailed forms adopted at the [First and Second] Meetings of the States parties only if all of the information to be provided in an annual report is the same as in past reports.
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
CONTRACTING PARTY: POLAND

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2020

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AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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

YES

NO

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2019
dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31/12/2019
dd/mm/yyyy

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

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REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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YES

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AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form A **Dissemination of information**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and
to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

POLAND

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are trained on the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict, including the rules set by the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols. This training can take the form of, i.a.:

- military and postgraduate studies, defense policy studies, operational-tactical studies, operational-strategic studies and qualification courses for officer candidates, officers, military commanders and legal advisors organized by relevant Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools;**
- training, special and qualification courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilian personnel conducted in training centers of all armed forces services and in all military units;**
- the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;**
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the International Humanitarian Law norms and regulations;**
- international and national conferences related to the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and its Protocols);**

Training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of training of personnel of peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before deployment.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

Civilian students obtain relevant information concerning International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols) during optional or obligatory courses organized by Polish Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation
on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on
international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation
and assistance;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

POLAND

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

**In 2019 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland contributed with 100 000 USD in support of
UNMAS (General Support and UNMAS actions in GAZA (Gaza Emergency Response-
removal of Explosive Remnants of War)**

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE: