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NOTE VERBALE

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The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations, 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 decision 7/04 of the Forum for Security Co-operation has the honor to submit the reply to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of the War.

The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations, 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. *SK*

Vienna, 30th May 2022

Annexe: 1



To: All Permanent Delegations and Missions to the OSCE
and the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE



**Information exchange pursuant to
OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES
and
OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON
EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR**

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

May 2022

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)?

Yes, the Slovak Republic deposited its instrument of ratification on 30 November 1999.

The Protocol entered into force for the Slovak Republic on 30 May 2000.

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 recent report for the reported period from January 2021 till December 2021 is accessible on the <https://www.un.org/disarmament/ccw-amended-protocol-ii/national-annual-reports-and-data-base/ccw-apii-database/>.

Questions № 3, 4, 5, 6 - are not applicable

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, the Slovak Republic ratified the Convention in February 1999. The Convention fully entered into force in August 1999. All the APM stocks had been destroyed in the spirit of the Convention by 2000.

- 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 recent report for the reported period from January 2021 till December 2021 is accesibble on <https://www.un.org/disarmament/anti-personnel-landmines-convention/article-7-reports/article-7-database/>.

- (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 Criminal Code of the Slovak Republic has been amended by Law No. 403/2004 which has explicitly introduced the notion of “anti-personnel mines” into the legislation of the Slovak Republic. (Note: Anti-personnel mines had been implicitly embraced in category of illegal possession of arms before this amendment was adopted.) Their development, production, import, export, transfer, transport, procurement, possession, stockpiling or uses are subject to sanctions under the Criminal Code.

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

No, the Slovak Republic is not mine - affected country.

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

No, the Slovak Republic is not mine - affected country.

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

The illustration of the capacity is distributed in the electronic copy of the most recent national reports pursuant to AP II CCW, P V CCW, as well as national report pursuant to APLC (Ottawa convention).

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

To be submitted on a voluntary basis along with the OSCE

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

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

The Parliament of the Slovak Republic accepted Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) on February 2, 2006. Instrument of ratification was signed by the President of Slovak Republic on February 28, 2006. Slovakia notified her consent to be bound by it in accordance with article 4 (3) or (4) of the Convention. A letter signed by the representative of the Slovak Republic which expressed consent to be bound by Protocol V was addressed to the Secretary-General on March 23, 2006.

The legislation of the Slovak Republic was amended by Law No. 584/2006 which has introduced Protocol V as a legally binding instrument as of November 12, 2006.

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.

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