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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 of the participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre, and has the honour to submit the response of the Republic of Lithuania to the OSCE Questionnaires on Anti-Personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of War for the reporting year of 2022.

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 of the participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 9 June 2023



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

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

Republic of Lithuania

Reporting period: 2022

Date of submission: 31 May 2023

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. *The Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania 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.

Lithuania has the capacity to assist other countries in mine action and has been contributing to various projects for a number of years.

Substantial part of our international assistance is channelled to projects related to international mine action, including activities related to reduction of harm caused by UXOs and ERWs.

Lithuania contributed to Mine and UXO Clearance Projects in Afghanistan, NATO/PfP Trust Fund projects to Support Practical Cooperation with Ukraine in the Area of Medical Rehabilitation, NATO Trust Fund on EOD clearance and EOD capability development in Georgia, EU Trust Fund for Colombia. Lithuanian Armed Forces' EOD team as part of the Lithuanian-led Provincial Reconstruction Team conducted de-mining and UXO clearance activities in province of Ghor, Afghanistan.

In 2022 Lithuanian Land Forces' Training Centre organized EOD awareness course for Ukrainian representatives.

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?

Yes. *The Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania 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”.