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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE in Vienna and the Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour, with reference to FSC.DEC/7/04, to provide Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines.

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

Vienna, 23 May, 2017



To: the Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE
Conflict Prevention Centre

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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 Convention entered into force for the Czech Republic on 10 February 1999.

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.

In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report (ANNEX 1).

Part II

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, producing and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?

YES. The Convention entered into force for the Czech Republic on 1 April 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.

In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report (ANNEX 2).

(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 of moratorium has been introduced, what stage is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

YES. In accordance with Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order. If a treaty provides something other than what a statute provides, then the treaty shall apply. Furthermore, for the purposes of imposing obligations resulting from the Ottawa Treaty to natural and legal persons, the Ottawa Treaty is in the Czech Republic implemented by the Act on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (No 305/1999 of the Collection of Laws). If any obligation resulting from the Act is breached, a provision of the Criminal Code (No 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws) applies.

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

NO. The Czech Republic is not a 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.

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

YES. The Czech Republic regularly provides financial contribution for mine action and clearance in order to minimize the risks and effects of ERW. In given period the Czech Republic provided financial contribution to:

- 1) **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** through NATO Explosive Ordnance Disposal project - TF JORDAN III for Woman's Training CoE in ERW - **89,000 EUR**;
- 2) **Georgia** through NATO Defence Capacity Building TF for training and equipment of Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit for explosives' destruction and humanitarian demining – 44,000 EUR and 1,000,000 CZK (**approx. 37,037 EUR**);
- 3) **Iraq** through NATO Defence Capacity Building TF for training and equipment of Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit for explosives' destruction and humanitarian demining - **45,000 EUR**;
- 4) **Bosnia and Herzegovina** through International Trust Fund (ITF) for demining project and technical reconnaissance in a region of Šekovići and Kalesija - 250,000 CZK (**approx. 9,259 EUR**);
- 5) **Montenegro** through OSCE TF Montenegro Demilitarization Programme for support in destruction of superfluous ammunition and reconnaissance including risk assessment of a site allegedly containing considerable number of unknown ammunition - **20,000 EUR**;
- 6) **Columbia** through EU TF Columbia for – demining in connection with agreement among Columbia government and FARC - 270,000 CZK (**approx. 10,000 EUR**);
- 7) **APLC** support through Implementation Support Unit for APLC activity - 120,000 CZK (**approx. 4,444 EUR**).

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate between various explosive remnants of war (mines, cluster munitions, ERW, EOD) in terms of assistance, above given information on assistance is also included in CCW P-II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

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?

YES.

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

In the Czech Republic the procedure of ratification of CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) was completed on 12 May 2006 and the instruments of ratification were deposited with the Depositary on 6 June 2006. The Protocol V entered for the Czech Republic into force on 6 December 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. The Czech Republic is not an ERW-affected 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.

YES. The Czech Republic regularly provides financial contribution for mine action and clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW, see above.

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**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)**

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31 MARCH 2017

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

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ 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:

CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2016**
dd/mm/yyyy

to: **31/12/2016**
dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

**The Protocol on prohibitions or restrictions on the use of mines, booby-traps and other
devices as amended on 3 May 1996 has been promulgated in Czech official journal
"Collection of International Treaties" under no. 21/1999 of the Coll.**

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form B **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (b)

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

The Czech Republic is not a mine/booby traps/other devices affected country. Mine clearance programmes - The Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation in the former military zones was finished in March 2004.

An UXO from Austria-Hungarian period, from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which deployed there till 1989, could be found there.

When an UXO is detected by civilians, the population is familiar with the system of reporting to the police who in turn contacts police or army experts for disposal.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

During the reported period no person in the Czech Republic became a victim of mines, booby traps or other devices

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Form C **Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (c)

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

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any
other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

**Non-detectable mines (44 353 pcs of PP Mi-Na I) not fulfilling the requirements and
limitations in accordance with Protocol II were all destroyed in 1997.**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Nothing to report

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Form D

Legislation

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (d)

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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LEGISLATION:

No change to the previous reports. In accordance with Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than that which a statute provides, the treaty shall apply. That means that the Convention and its annexed Protocols are self-executing in the Czech Republic.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic (No. 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws - www.mvcr.cz) includes paragraph no. 280, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of two year up to eight years.

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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:

CZECH REPUBLIC

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Nothing to report

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Nothing to report

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

- The Czech Republic in given period provided financial contribution to:

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Form F **Other relevant matters**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (f)

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

Nothing to report.

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

Article 11,
paragraph 2.

“2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

The engineer units of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic are equipped with the Midi-flail mine clearance system BOZENA 5 (hereinafter referred as BOZENA).

BOZENA is a tracked mechanical mine clearing machine remotely controlled by a transmitter with a range of 2,000 m, meant for clearing AP mines both pressure and tripwire fused and for AT mines up to 9 kg of TNT charged. The system is suitable for clearing large mine affected areas. It can be road transported on trailer between working areas.

BOZENA is protected from detonations by an armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal covering, giving protection against damage from detonations.

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(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

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Form A: Dissemination of information:

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☒ unchanged

(last reporting year: 2009)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

☐ changed

☒ unchanged

(last reporting year: 2009)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

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☒ unchanged

(last reporting year: 2007)

Form D: Legislation:

☐ changed

☒ unchanged

(last reporting year: 2008)

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: 2008)

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

☒ changed

☐ unchanged

(last reporting year:)