

NOTE VERBALE

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The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE presents its compliments to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre, and in accordance with the Decision 7/04 of the Forum for Security Co-operation, has the honour to transmit herewith the Slovak Republic's reply to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and on Explosive Remnants of War.

The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, *30* May 2018



Enclosure

Slovak Republic's reply to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and on Explosive Remnants of War

To
All Permanent Missions/Delegations to the OSCE
The Conflict Prevention Centre

Vienna



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

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

May 2018

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 2017 till December 2017 is attached in print copy as attachment No. 3 at the end of questionnaire.

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.

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- (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.

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.

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 MBC (Ottawa convention)

ANNEX 3

This Annex contains Recent annual report submitted by the Slovak Republic in accordance with Article 13 of the 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

**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 EXCES-
SIVELY 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

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

YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

Form A: Dissemination of information:	<input type="radio"/> changed <input checked="" type="radio"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2007)
Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:	<input type="radio"/> changed <input checked="" type="radio"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:	<input type="radio"/> changed <input checked="" type="radio"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013)
Form D: Legislation:	<input type="radio"/> changed <input checked="" type="radio"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2004)
Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> changed <input type="radio"/> unchanged
Form F: Other relevant matters:	<input type="radio"/> changed <input checked="" type="radio"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:	<input type="radio"/> changed <input checked="" type="radio"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

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Reporting Formats for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACT- S L O V A K I A
ING PARTY

DATE OF SUBMISSION

May 2018

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES,
BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996

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 Depository ... 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

	S L O V A K I A	reporting for time period from	01/01/2017	to	31/12/2017
	_____		_____		_____

International technical information exchange

International cooperation on mine clearance

- The expert from the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic is working within the activity of the International Crisis Management for the destruction of the EOD since the 16th of september 2017 in the team NLO Kyjev (NATO Liasson Office) as the VNC. (Voluntary National Contributor).

- President of the Slovak Republic in the context of the Warsaw summit declared support for the Iraq security forces. Fifteen professionals (MTT) were sent based on the declaration. Training concept was established for hand demining, on the Alliance principal Train the Trainer (instructors).

- MTTdeployment was realised from 27. november 2017 til 13. december 2017 in the area of the EOD school Besmayah. 21 members from total number of 23 Iraq security forces have succesfully finished the training.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

FSC.DEC/7/04
24 November
2004

ANNEX 4

This Annex contains Recent annual report submitted by the Slovak Republic in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (APLC).

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

STATE PARTY:

S L O V A K I A

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

State [Party]: SLOVAKIA reporting for time period from 01/01/207 to 31/12/2017

<u>Measures</u>	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
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Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

State [Party]: S L O V A K I A reporting for time period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Information about anti-personnel mines retained according to Article 3 is provided in Form D 1 a.	---	---	---
	UNCHANGED		
TOTAL			

Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: **S L O V A K I A** reporting for time period from **01/01/2017** to **31/12/2017**

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
NON APPLICABLE				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
NON APPLICABLE				

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

State [Party]: S L O V A K I A reporting for time period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information Series/Year of production
The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic	PP-Mi-Na 1 (Slovak denomination)	399	---	04/89 Mines are retained for the purpose of the development of demining technology and for the mine destruction training.
	Non-metal Blast Mine			
The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic	PP-Mi-ŠR II (Slovak denomination)	688		18/56 Mines are retained for the purpose of the development of demining technology and for the mine destruction training.
	Bounding Fragmentation Mine			
TOTAL	-----	1087		

Form D (continued)

1b. *Voluntary information (Action #54 Nairobi Action Plan)*

<u>Objectives</u>	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
	NON APPLICABLE	

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

2. *Compulsory*: Transferred for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
NON APPLICABLE				
TOTAL	-----			

3. *Compulsory*: Transferred for the purpose of destruction (Article 3, para.2)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
NON APPLICABLE				
TOTAL	-----			

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

State [Party]: S L O V A K I A reporting for time period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
	NON APPLICABLE	

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

State [Party]: S L O V A K I A reporting for time period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Description of the status of programs including:		Details of:
Location of destruction sites		
UNCHANGED		Methods
		Applicable safety standards
		Applicable environmental stand-ards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Description of the status of programs including:		Details of:
Location of destruction sites		
NON APPLICABLE		Methods
		Applicable safety standards
		Applicable environmental stand-ards

Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

State [Party]: S L O V A K I A reporting for time period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
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UNCHANGED			
TOTAL			

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
NON APPLICABLE		
TOTAL		

Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

State [Party]: S L O V A K I A reporting for time period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
			UNCHANGED				

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
			UNCHANGED				

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the 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".

State [Party]: **S L O V A K I A** reporting for time period from **01/01/2017** to **31/12/2017**

NON APPLICABLE

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

State [Party]: **S L O V A K I A** reporting for time period from **01/01/2017** to **31/12/2017**

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