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The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the OSCE, the UN and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

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*To All Missions and Delegations of the participating States
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OSCE Code of Conduct on the Politico-military Aspects of Security

**Annual information exchange on the
implementation of the
Code of Conduct**

Hungary

Valid as of 15 April 2017

Section I. Inter-State elements

1. Account of measures to prevent and combat terrorism

1.1 To which agreements and arrangements (universal, regional, sub-regional and bilateral) related to preventing and combating terrorism is your State a party?

Hungary condemns all acts of terrorism whatever their motives and is not willing to make any kind of concession to terrorists to ensure that they do not benefit from their acts.

To this end, Hungary works together bilaterally with other governments and multilaterally through international organisations such as the United Nations (UN), the Council of Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the European Union (EU).

UN – Multilateral Conventions

The work of the United Nations in the area of international counter-terrorism is fully supported by Hungary. The country has signed and ratified all 13 conventions and protocols on terrorism:

- Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963 (promulgated by Law-decree no. 24 of 1971);
- Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970 (promulgated by Law-decree no. 8 of 1972);
- Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civilian Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971 (promulgated by Law-decree no. 17 of 1973);
- International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted at New York on 17 December 1979 (promulgated by Law-decree no. 24 of 1987);
- International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings concluded at New York on 15 December 1997 (promulgated by Act XXV of 2002);
- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1973 (promulgated by Law-decree no. 22 of 1977);
- International Convention for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1999 (promulgated by Act LIX of 2002);
- Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, signed at Montreal on 1 March 1991 (promulgated by Act LXVI of 2003, effective for Hungary from 21 June 1998);
- Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, signed at Vienna on 3 March 1980 (promulgated by Law-decree no. 8 of 1987);
- Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 24 February 1988. (promulgated by Act XXXVII of 2004);
- Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at Rome on 10 March 1988. (promulgated by Act LXVIII of 2003);

- Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988. (promulgated by Act LXVIII. of 2003);
- International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, New York, 13 April 2005 (promulgated by Act XX of 2007);
- Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (8 July 2005) (promulgated by Act LXII of 2008);
- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (15 November 2000) (promulgated by Act CI of 2006).

Hungary has not signed the following conventions and protocols or is not party to these treaties:

- Protocol to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (2005)
- Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation (2010, not yet in force)
- Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (2010, not yet in force)

Council of Europe Conventions:

Hungary is fully committed to the Council of Europe's work to combat terrorism. The list of instruments drawn up in the Council of Europe which have been signed or ratified by Hungary is attached below. Work is currently underway in Hungary to enable the ratification of the remaining instruments.

Hungary	Signed	Ratified
European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (CETS No: 090ETS 90)	3/5/1996	6/5/1997
Protocol amending European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (CETS No: (ETS 190)	15/5/2003	
European Convention on Extradition (CETS No: 024ETS 24)	19/11/1991	13/7/1993
Additional Protocol to European Convention on Extradition (CETS No: 086(ETS 86)	19/11/1991	13/7/1993
Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (CETS No: 098(ETS 98)	19/11/1991	13/7/1993
European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (CETS No: 030ETS 30)	19/11/1991	13/7/1993
Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (CETS No: 099(ETS 99)	19/11/1991	13/7/1993
Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (CETS No:(ETS 182)	15/1/2003	-
European Convention on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters (CETS No: 0ETS73)	8/11/2001	-
Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime (C0ETS No: ETS141)	6/11/1997	2/3/2000
Convention on Cybercrime (CETS No: ETS 185)	23/11/2001	4/12/2003
Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism	10/10/2007	21/3/2011

(CETS No: ETS 196)		
Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No: ETS 198)	14/4/2009	14/4/2009

Other international treaties relating to terrorism:

Hungary is a party to the following international conventions and treaties relating to terrorism and cross-border cooperation of law enforcement authorities:

1. The 1995 Europol Convention (announced by the Act XIV of 2006);
2. Agreement on the cooperation in the fight against cross-border crime in the framework of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) signed in Bucharest, on 26th June 1999 (announced by the Act CXV of 2000);
3. The 1990 Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 between the governments of the States of the Benelux Economic Union, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic, on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders;
4. Interpol Agreement (concluded between the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) and the European Police Office (Europol));
5. The 29 May 2000 Convention, adopted by the EU Council of Ministers on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and its Protocol of 16 October 2001 (announced by the Act CXVI of 2005);
6. The Treaty of Prüm on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism, cross-border crime and illegal migration (Act CXII of 2007);

These agreements, inter alia, allow for the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities, in order to strengthen the co-operation in the fight against terrorism.

Bilateral Agreements:

As Hungary is a committed participant in the fight against terrorism, several bilateral agreements have been concluded with other states on cooperation to combat terrorism, organized crime and illicit trafficking of drugs in the last decade. Among others, Hungary has bilateral agreements in this field with Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, France, Greece, Croatia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Ukraine, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, South-Africa, Serbia, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Tunisia and Vietnam, Moldova.

1.2 What national legislation has been adopted in your State to implement the above-mentioned agreements and arrangements?

The agreements at paragraph 1.1 have been promulgated in Hungarian legislation (see above, the number of Act of Parliament, following the names of the agreements, in brackets.).

According to Article 36 of Act CXIII of 2011 on the national defence and the Hungarian Defence Forces (hereinafter HDF) and on specific measures that may be implemented in case of special legislation (hereinafter National Defence Act CXIII of 2011), participation in military tasks of combating international terrorism is one of the duties of the HDF.

As the basic legal document of the European Union, the Lisbon Treaty (promulgated by Act CLXVIII of 2007) entered into force in Hungary on 1st December 2009; all its provisions - including those dealing with the prevention and suppression of terrorism, cooperation in this field, active solidarity with the attacked - are to be implemented by different internal legislative measures.

1.3 What are the roles and missions of military, paramilitary and security forces and the police in preventing and combating terrorism in your State?

Preventing and combating terrorism in peacetime is primarily the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior of Hungary and of the police including its special units.

The HDF may participate in certain counter-terrorism tasks of the Police and other Ministry of Interior's organizations only in a declared emergency situation, if the situation could not be properly handled by the aforementioned primarily responsible organizations. Articles 48, 50 and 51/A of the Fundamental Law contain the legal basis for the deployment of HDF in an emergency situation. Article 50 applies in the event that armed acts aimed at overturning the constitutional order or acquiring exclusive power, or serious mass acts of violence threatening life and property committed with arms or in an armed group were to occur. Article 51/A provides that in case of the immediate threat of terrorism and upon a vote of two thirds of members of parliament the state of preventive defence also applies and for a period of up to 15 days the Government has the power to introduce measures by way of derogation from the acts governing the operation of the Hungarian Armed Forces.

1.4 Provide any additional relevant information on national efforts to prevent and combat terrorism, e.g., those pertaining inter alia to:

- *Financing of terrorism;*
- *Border controls;*
- *Travel document security;*
- *Container and supply chain security;*
- *Security of radioactive sources;*
- *Use of the Internet and other information networks for terrorist purposes;*
- *Legal co-operation including extradition;*
- *Safe havens and shelter to terrorists and terrorist organizations*

- Articles 314-318 of Act C of 2012 on Criminal Code define the terrorist act and criminalizing terrorist activities such as omission to prosecute a terrorist act or financing of terrorism;
- Other criminal law regulations also have specific rules in relation to terrorist activities and the perpetrators thereof;
- Act CXXXVI of 2007 on Obstruction and Prevention the Financing of Terrorism and Money laundering;
- Act V of 2014 on promulgation of Convention on Commerce in Arms

- The Act CXXV of 1995 on National Security Services also contains provisions in relation to counter-terrorist activities;
- Anti-terrorism National Action Plan, Enclosure 1 to the Governmental Decree 2112 of 2004 on Actual Assignments of Fight Against Terrorism;
- Government decree about the authorisation of the export, import, transfer and transit of military equipment and services, and certification of enterprises;
- Government decree about the detailed rules of authorisation of military goods' production and provision of military services.

2. Stationing of armed forces on foreign territory

2.1 Provide information on stationing of your States armed forces on the territory of other participating States in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law.

Hungary is a Party to the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces, signed in London on 19 June 1951 (ratified and promulgated by Act CXVII of 1999), and to the Agreement among the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other States participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP), done in Brussels on 19 June 1995 (ratified and promulgated by Act CII of 1995). The implementation is facilitated by Act LXVII of 1995 on the implementation and codification of the Framework Agreement of the Partnership for Peace Program concluded with the NATO. These international agreements and the related national acts provide for the settlement of disputes arising during stationing and transit of forces on the territory of NATO and PfP countries.

In the field of stationing, the Government of Hungary concluded a bilateral Agreement in 1997 with the Government of the United States of America on the activity of the Armed Forces of the United States of America to be carried out in the territory of Hungary (Act XLIX of 1997) which regulates the legal status of the American military personnel in Hungary thus further articulates the provisions of the NATO SOFA.

The Fundamental Law of Hungary (entered into force 01 January 2012) regulates the stationing. The Fundamental Law reserves the prerogative for the Parliament to decide on the stationing of the Hungarian armed forces or the stationing of foreign forces if these are not based on NATO or EU decisions.

According to Article 47:

„ (1) The Government shall decide on any cross-border manoeuvre of the Hungarian Defence Forces and foreign armed forces.

(2) With a two-thirds majority of the votes of its members present, Parliament shall decide on any foreign or domestic deployment and foreign stationing of the Hungarian Defence Forces and on any deployment of foreign armed forces in Hungary or departing from Hungary or their stationing in Hungary, except for the cases defined by Paragraph (3).

(3) The Government shall decide on any deployment of the Hungarian Defence Forces and foreign armed forces under Paragraph (2) based on the decision of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and on any other manoeuvre of the same.

(4) The Government shall immediately report to Parliament, and notify the President of the Republic of, any decision made under Paragraph (3) or made to authorise the participation of the Hungarian Defence Forces in any peacekeeping or humanitarian activity in a foreign operational area.”

The definition of stationing is specified by the National Defence Act CXIII of 2011. According to this definition, stationing is a lasting foreign presence of the HDF – or in the case of foreign armed forces’ presence on the territory of Hungary – exceeding the time necessary for the units to pass through the country as well as the period of an exercise and the border crossing related to it. The troop movements as well as the military movements are permitted by the Government in a resolution. The 190/2000 (XI. 14.) Decree of the Government on ‘The governmental tasks in the approval of troop movements involving border-crossing’ gives the detailed definition of troop movements. The 190/2000 Decree of Government is also applicable to the preparation process regarding the Parliament’s decision. According to the Decree, the Minister of Defence not later than 15 December each year submits the list of troop movements planned for the following year – in order to obtain a decision – to the Government. This list includes the troop movements to be submitted to the Parliament as well, although not the Government will decide in this case.

In the reporting year, the HDF participated in the following international operations and missions on the soils of other OSCE participating States:

- NATO HQ-Sarajevo (NATO-led operation);
- EUFOR ALTHEA in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU-led mission);
- EU Monitoring Mission in the Republic of Georgia (EU-led mission);
- UNFICYP in the Republic of Cyprus (UN led mission);
- EUNAVFOR MED in the Mediterranean region (EU-led mission)

In the reporting year, the HDF participated in the following international operations and missions:

- RSM mission in Afghanistan (NATO-led operations);
- KFOR in Kosovo (NATO-led operation);
- EUTM Somalia (EU-led mission);
- EUTM Mali (EU-led mission);
- UNIFIL mission in Lebanon (UN-led mission);
- MINURSO in Western Sahara (UN-led mission);
- MINUSCA mission in the Republic of Central Africa (UN-led mission)
- International Coalition against the Islamic State in the Republic of Iraq (Operation Inherent Resolve)

3. Implementation of other international commitments related to the Code of Conduct

3.1 Provide information on how your State ensures that commitments in the field of arms control, disarmament and confidence- and security-building as an element of indivisible security are implemented in good faith.

Beyond the provisions of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, Hungary provides information on all changes of the Treaty limited equipment and permanently notifies reduction activities.

Hungary offers four extra Vienna Document 2011 Evaluation Visit quotas to the Participating States in order to provide greater transparency.

In accordance with the provisions of Vienna Document 2011, inspectors conducting Specified Area Inspection are always offered the possibility to visit the units within the area. They receive information on the units' designation, peacetime location, subordination, personnel strength, equipment, training- and firing ranges, current activities and their questions are openly answered.

Hungary is a signatory and depository of the Treaty on Open Skies. Hungary has four active and four passive quotas. Based on the Treaty, Hungary is obligated to receive four observation flights per year over its territory by the Participating States, and may conduct four observation flights per year over the territory of a State Party as well. Based on the Treaty, Hungary makes the imagery collected from its Open Skies missions available to any State Party upon request for the cost of reproduction.

3.2 Provide information on how your State pursues arms control, disarmament and confidence- and security-building measures with a view to enhancing security and stability in the OSCE area.

Based on Chapter X. "REGIONAL MEASURES" of the Vienna Document 1999, Hungary established bilateral agreements with Ukraine and Serbia, and bilateral cooperation with Montenegro and Cyprus. In the framework of these agreements and cooperation, the Participating States have additional possibilities to conduct inspections within a specified area, evaluation visits and to invite representatives to observe certain military activities below VD 2011 thresholds.

Section II.

1. National planning and decision-making process

1.1 what is the national planning and decision making process in determining/approving military posture and defence expenditures in your State?

the military posture:

Defence is a national priority. The National Defence Act CXIII of 2011 contains detailed provisions concerning the role of the Parliament, the Committee on Defence and Law Enforcement of the Parliament, the President of the Republic, the Government, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of National Economy and other Ministers as well as the heads of national authorities.

Based on the proposals submitted by the Government, the Parliament determines the basic principles of national defence in order to fulfil the defence objectives, as well as the conditions and direction of the accomplishment of duties prescribed in them, the guidelines of the long term upgrade and personal strength of the armed forces, the main military equipment upgrades and the required financial resources. The President of the Republic approves the armed defence plan proposed by the Government and prepared by the Ministry of Defence. The Government is responsible for the determination of the duties of the authorities participating in national defence and for the co-ordination of the work of the ministries and other national authorities. The Minister of Defence, as a member of the Government, is responsible for the implementation of defence policy. It is the responsibility of the Minister and the Ministry of Defence to prepare and arrange plans for the development, preparation, equipment and deployment of the defence forces. The decision-making capacity of the Ministry and the Minister of Defence is restricted by law.

defence expenditure:

Defence expenditures are determined as a part of the central budget of Hungary. The annual defence budget proposal is compiled along the lines of a Planning Document published by the Ministry for National Economy. The Central Budget proposal is submitted to the Parliament where it is discussed in the appropriate committees and at plenary sessions of the House. After considering amendment proposals, the Parliament approves the defence budget as a chapter of the Central Budget Act. The increasing trend of the defence budget was set in the 1273/2016 Government Resolution, ensuring at least a yearly 0,1% GDP proportion increase between 2017- and 2026. Furthermore, responding to the changing security environment, the Government may grant additional central funds for specific military tasks above this level. The budget proposal, amendments, the approved annual budget and the aforementioned Government Resolution are all publicly disclosed documents.

1.2 How does your State ensure that its military capabilities take into account the legitimate security concerns of other States as well as the need to contribute to international security and stability?

The Government of Hungary considers NATO as the cornerstone of Trans-Atlantic security. A dynamic development of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy is in the interest of Hungary, and at the same time, we are strengthening the strategic partnership between EU and NATO. Hungary is a constructive member of the European Union and NATO. An important task of the Hungarian defence policy is to support new member countries and those with a chance for integration. Therefore, extending - and increasing the efficiency of - bilateral and multilateral military cooperation with neighbouring countries is in the strategic interest of Hungary. In the framework of V4 cooperation and the Central European Defence Cooperation (CEDC), Hungary and the other participating states promote defence cooperation amongst each other to contribute to a peaceful Central Europe.

In addition to the pre-eminent role of the United Nations (UN), Hungary attaches great importance to the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) from the aspect of maintaining international peace and security, and participates in the actions and international operations conducted by these organizations.

2. Existing structures and processes

2.1 What are the constitutionally established procedures for ensuring democratic political control of military, paramilitary and internal security forces, intelligence services and the police?

armed forces

As of 1 September 2001, the General Staff was integrated into the Ministry of Defence. The Chief of Defence heads the General Staff, at the same time is the highest military commander of the HDF, but is subordinated to the Minister of Defence as his/her supreme military advisor with reporting and informing obligation. According to Article 45 (1) of the National Defence Act, the HDF is managed by the Minister of Defence through the Chief of General Staff.

The Fundamental Law of Hungary and the National Defence Act CXIII of 2011 prescribe wide-ranging obligations for the Minister and the Government to inform and report to the plenary session and the Defence and Internal Security Committee of the Parliament, which completes the effectiveness of democratic control. Defence expenditures are approved by the Parliament as a chapter of the annual Central Budget Act.

paramilitary forces

Hungary does not have paramilitary forces.

internal security forces

Hungary has no internal security forces

intelligence services

Hungary has four national security services. The statutory basis for all the four bodies is the Act CXXV of 1995 on National Security Services. The national security services specified by the National Security Act are the Information Office, the Constitution Protection Office, the Special Service for National Security (hereinafter: civil security services) and the Military National Security Service.

All national security services are organisations operating with independent budget and nationwide jurisdiction under the direction of the Government. As budget planning

authorities, all of them are authorized to make their own decisions on the application of the material and financial resources allocated to them.

The governmental direction of the national security services is exercised through a designated Minister (Minister heading the Prime Minister's Office for the Information Office; Minister of Interior for the Constitution Protection Office and the Special Service for National Security; Minister of Defence for the Military National Security Service).

The Parliament exercises oversight over all the national security services through its Committee on National Security (CNS). The chairman of the Committee on National Security - according to the Fundamental Law of Hungary - is always an MP of an opposition party.

The civil security services are merely accountable to the Committee on National Security, while both parliamentary committees (CNS, Committee on Defence and Law Enforcement) are competent authorities concerning the Military National Security Service.

The national security services may carry out concealed information collection activities and use secret methods, in certain cases subject to external authorisation granted by a judge or the Minister of Justice.

There are additional methods of the parliamentary control that are exercised by the Ombudsman. The previous Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner – including the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Citizen Rights, the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for National and Ethnic Minorities Rights, and the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations – was replaced by the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, by the new Act CXI of 2011, as of 01 January 2012.

police

Democratic control of the police (including the border guard, which was integrated into the police structure in 2007) is ensured by the Fundamental Law of Hungary. According to the Fundamental Law of Hungary, the basic task of the police is to protect internal security and public order. The border guard - within the framework of their policing duty - provide for the protection of the national border, the control of border traffic and the maintenance of order on the borders. It has been granted by the adoption of Act XXXIV of 1994 on the Police that ensures its oversight by the Parliament, local governments and the public.

The Minister of Interior as a member of the Government is accountable to the Parliament for all issues concerning the police and the border guard. The Minister accounts to the Parliament including appearance, as requested before the plenary session of the Parliament and before the relevant parliamentary committees. The Parliament accepts the budget of the police and the border guard annually in separate titles under the chapter of the Ministry of Interior.

According to section 4 of paragraph 8 of the Act on The Police, the head of the local police reports annually to the local governing authority (council) on demand on the public safety situation of the area of jurisdiction, on measures taken to the benefit of public safety, on the duties connected as well as relations between the police and the local council. The Act on the Police provides numerous other opportunities for the co-operation of the police and the local government:

- The body of representatives can make observations concerning the decisions, measures of the police or their omission;
- The local government can conclude contracts with the head of local council especially to perform duties concerning the local public security to enhance the co-operation between local authorities and the police to establish, enlarge and upgrade the local police;
- The heads of the local police and the local government can establish a crime prevention and public safety committee to assist and oversee the duties connected to public safety;

2.2 How is the fulfilment of these procedures ensured, and which constitutionally established authorities/institutions are responsible for exercising these procedures?

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces is the President of the Republic. In war time, the National Defence Committee is to be established, which is headed by the President of the Republic, and consists of the Speaker of the Parliament, the Prime Minister, the ministers, the leaders of the parties represented in the Parliament and the Chief of General Staff with the right of consultation.

2.3 What are the roles and missions of military, paramilitary and security forces, and how does your State control that such forces act solely within the constitutional framework?

military

According to Article 36 (1) and (2) of the National Defence Act CXIII of 2011 and Article 45 (5) of the Fundamental Law, the mission of the armed forces is to defend the territory, independence, citizens and material wealth of the country against external attack, to guard and defend the borders of the country, to fulfil military obligations deriving from alliance and international agreements, to participate in international crisis management efforts, guard installations of defence importance that require enhanced protection, accomplish civil protection tasks, disaster relief, provide humanitarian aid/relief, etc. The Government and the Ministry of Defence are subject to the authorisation, control and reporting provisions defined by the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the National Defence Act; these regulations ensure that the military acts solely within the framework of the Fundamental Law of Hungary. Beyond reporting provisions, a two third majority is required in order to strengthen the control.

paramilitary forces

Hungary does not have paramilitary forces.

security forces

Hungary does not have internal security forces.

3. Procedures related to different forces' personnel

3.1 What kind of procedures for recruitment and call-up of personnel for service in your military, paramilitary and internal security forces does your State have?

- **military**

The general compulsory conscript system – except in emergency situation and in preventive defence situation – has been suspended in Hungary since November 2004.

According to the National Defence Act, active military service personnel include professional, contract and voluntary reservist soldiers in peacetime. The introduction of the voluntary reserve system is an ongoing process. 8000 voluntary reserve statuses have been built up. The voluntary reserve system consists of two elements: voluntary defence reserve, and voluntary operation reserve. There are plans to establish a third element: voluntary territorial reserve. These statuses are for peace time and wartime tasks as well. The voluntary defence and operation reservists have the same limit for service age as the professional officers for active military duty

The other two categories of the reserve system are the trained reserve and the potential reserve (which are compulsory conscripts when it is re-established) for the war time readiness only. Any Hungarian citizen who is a graduate of a civilian or military secondary school can voluntarily apply for a professional officer rank in military service. The contract soldier serves professionally and voluntarily for a definite period of time. Currently professional and contracted soldiers and voluntary reservists serve in the HDF.

According to the Act CXIX of 2011 on Civil Servants, which regulates the employment of civil servants in the ministerial structure, there is not any distinction based on gender. There is special regulation due to maternity in favour of women.

- **paramilitary forces**

Hungary does not have paramilitary forces.

- **security forces**

Hungary does not have internal security forces.

3.2 What kind of exemptions or alternatives to military service does your State have?

National Defence Act CXIII of 2011 determines the cases of exemptions from military service:

Exemptions from military service e.g. (Article 5)

- the person is under 18 years of age;
- the person is not capable for military service; the person takes care of three or more children, or takes care his/her relative alone, or provides for his/her child under 18 years of age alone; or takes care of his/her relative in the direct ascending line or spouse, unmarried partner reliant on care alone;

- the person takes care of his/her dependants living in his/her household alone;
- professional or contracted soldier of the HDF, or the Police;
- person whose spouse carries out military service;
- the person has accomplished the civilian service,
- the person has been registered as candidate for parliamentary, European parliamentary, municipal representative, mayor, minority representative or elected as such (until the duration of nomination or mandate expires);
- on the 31st day December of the year in which the person who is potential for military service reaches the age of 40.

The HDF started to set up a Volunteer Reserve Force in 2010 with the authorization of the Parliament.

Before this decision, the HDF had very few soldiers in reserve. The major step towards setting up a reservist system was taken when the National Defence Act CV of 2004 was replaced by National Defence Act CXIII of 2011.

The National Defence Act has new elements in other fields as well (defence university, elements of legal status of the personnel, re-introduction of administrative secretary and deputy secretary positions, structure of the General Staff, means of regulation etc.), as a result of the new governmental structure set up by different new acts, following the parliamentary elections of 2010.

The military training of the reservists had already started in November 2011. The new type of Volunteer Reserve System was officially established in Hungary on 1 January, 2011. The recruitment of reservists started at the end of 2010, when the number of reservists guarding the HDF objects increased to over two thousands. Security guards changed their legal status to voluntary defence reservist at fifty-seven objects and military compounds of the HDF.

By setting up this volunteer reserve system, disaster recovery tasks and protection of the military 'critical infrastructure' can be effectively accomplished. In emergency situations the reservists can be deployed immediately. Moreover, they can carry out host nation support tasks. Force protection capabilities will also be improved in Hungary with their help. The red sludge disaster and floods in Hungary revealed that there was a great need for reservists by 2010. By setting up a reserve system, HDF is able to accomplish disaster management more effectively.

Introducing the system, Hungary has taken an important step to fulfil its commitments to the EU and NATO.

3.3 What are the legal and administrative procedures to protect the rights of all forces personnel as well as conscripts?

Members of the armed forces have similar legal and administrative procedures and opportunities to protect their rights to those of civilians'. Additional regulations mentioned before contain measures of guarantees and remedial procedures to enforce their rights in special situations related to actions in service.

These regulations are incorporated in acts of Parliament, such as the Act CCV of 2012 on the Status of Military Personnel (hereinafter: Status Act), which provide for the protection of rights within the forces and by civilian organisations outside the forces and the right to appeal

to courts as well. This Act ensures the right for the organised way of protecting rights through trade unions and representation of interests.

Personnel of the HDF consist of career and contract soldiers, voluntary reservists, officer cadets and non-commissioned officer cadets, government officials and public servants. The pay rates of the military and civilian staff of the HDF are defined in the relevant laws on their legal status. These laws are promulgated in the Official Gazette of Hungary, i.e. they are available for the public. All payments and allowances are defined and paid according to legislative regulations applicable to the above-mentioned forms of employment, which precisely determine all relevant details of the payment process, of salaries and other allowances including the amount and deadline of payment.

4. Implementation of other political norms, principles, decisions and international humanitarian law

4.1 How does your State ensure that International Humanitarian Law and Law of War are made widely available, e.g., through military training programmes and regulations?

Pursuant to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocol I and II of 1977 additional thereto, the HDF implement the dissemination of the Conventions as well as other applicable rules of international humanitarian law. The training programs vary based on the age, qualifications, rank and responsibilities of the trainees. In military higher education, there are various levels of training programs, including undergraduate and postgraduate programs, reserve officers' training courses, BSc and MSc levels, accordingly to the Bologna process. The curriculum of these is organized to provide an extensive understanding of the rules of the armed conflicts.

At the university level, students take separate courses dedicated to international law and the rules of the armed conflicts. In addition, special courses for high-ranking military officers focus on the theoretical questions of security policy and national security, including the enforceability of the rules of the armed conflicts and the role of senior officers in their enforcement.

The ministries concerned with the issues of international humanitarian law have regular contacts with each other, and have close relations with other governmental or non-governmental organisations such as the National Advisory Committee on the Dissemination of the International Humanitarian Law, the Hungarian Society of Military Law and the Law of War and the Hungarian Red Cross.

MoD has special legal advisors and experts on international humanitarian law and they advocate the Minister and Chief of Staff.

TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF LAW OF WAR AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

ON THE FACULTY OF MILITARY SCIENCES AND OFFICER TRAINING:

On Military Leadership Branch (BSc) training:

Law of War 3rd semester 15 classes

On Military Leadership Branch (BSc) training:

Law of Home Defence 1st semester 30 classes

On Military and Security Engineering (BSc) training:

Law of War 3rd semester 15 classes

On Military Economy (BSc) training:

Law of War 2nd semester 15 classes

On Military Maintenance (BSc) training:

Law of War 2nd semester 30 classes

Major in Defence and Security Policy (MSc level):

International Law of War I and II. 2nd semester 4 classes

PhD studies at the Graduate School of Military Sciences: eight subjects are available in the field of „*protection of social sciences issues*”:

Subject code	Name of Subject	Study hours
HHDIDAL11	Law enforcement – national security	30
HHDIDAL17A	Social Science Issues of Protection	30
HHDID2KO22A	Psychology of Religious Extremism, its Formation and Activities in western Democratic Societies	30
HHDID2KO23A	The Vatican's Diplomacy for the Protection of the Christians Living in Crisis Zones	30
HHDID2KO30A	The Leadership Aspects of Crisis Response Operations	30
HHDID2KSZ08A	Crisis Response Operations and Social Sciences	20
HHDID2KSZ12A	Psychology of Religious Extremism, its Formation and Activities in Western Democratic Societies	20
HHDID2KSZ14A	The Security Situation of Christians in Crisis Areas	20
HHDID2KSZ31A	Propaganda analysis	20

Optional for PhD students in the 1-4th semester if it is needed to their research subject.

4.2 What has been done to ensure that armed forces personnel are aware of being individually accountable under national and international law for their actions?

Due to the transformation of basic training centres, the basic training program has changed partially in content and partially methodologically. Under the new program the trainees become acquainted with the basic rules of the battlefield, with special emphasis on the rules concerning the protection of civilian population and prisoners of war. Each trainee is given by eight hours embedded in curriculum on International Humanitarian Law and Law of War during basic training. An extract of International Humanitarian Law and Law of War – as an enclosure – is a part of the Service Field Manual of HDF, thus the opportunity to be elaborated in the topic is widely available for all soldiers.

Moreover all Hungarian soldiers sent to missions abroad are given extra hours (3-6, depending on the kind of the mission) on the topic mentioned above during the preparation term, focusing mainly on the Rules of Engagement.

The Status Act CCV of 2012 and Defence Ministerial Decree No. 9/2013 and No. 10/2013 regulate the individual legal liability of armed forces personnel regarding disciplinary and damages liability.

4.3 How does your State ensure that armed forces are not used to limit the peaceful and lawful exercise of human and civil rights by persons as individuals or as representatives of groups nor to deprive them of national, religious, cultural, linguistic or ethnic identity?

According to the Fundamental Law of Hungary, the armed forces may be used within the territory of Hungary, if the use of the police is proven insufficient solely in the case of state of emergency (in the event of armed acts aimed at the overturning of the constitutional order or at the exclusive acquisition of power, and of serious mass acts of violence threatening life and property, committed with arms or in an armed manner) (Article 48 and 50 of the Fundamental Law).

Restrictive actions against the rights of citizens may be carried out by the HDF solely according to the provisions of the National Defence Act (requires two third majority). This Act provides legal remedy to all restrictive actions.

4.4 What has been done to provide for the individual service member's exercise of his or her civil rights and how does your State ensure that the country's armed forces are politically neutral?

The Fundamental Law of Hungary regulates that professional members of the HDF, the Police and the national security services may not be members of political parties and may not engage in political activities. Restrictions on the political activities of non-professional members of the HDF may be established by a statute passed by a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the Members of Parliament present.

The Status Act CCV of 2012 regulates the fundamental rights of military personnel and the limitation of their rights e.g. the practice of the right of assembly subjects to the permission of employer. The Status Act and other ministerial decrees, orders provide the legal provisions in order to maintain the political neutrality of military command and armed forces as an institution.

4.5 How does your State ensure that its defence policy and doctrine are consistent with international law?

According to the Fundamental Law of Hungary, the legal system of Hungary adopts the generally recognized rules of international law, and shall further ensure the harmony between domestic law and the obligations assumed under international law.

National Defence Act CXIII of 2011 provides in its preamble a reference to UN and also provides that one of the tasks of the defence forces is the performance of obligations following from alliance and other international treaties, especially collective defence, peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

Section III: Public access and contact information

1. Public access

1.1 How is the public informed about the provisions of the Code of Conduct?

The Hungarian Ministry of Defence Communication Department provides information about the provision of the Code of Conduct via e-mail: sajto@hm.gov.hu, if it is requested.

1.2 What additional information related to the Code of Conduct, e.g., replies to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct, is made publicly available in your State?

Further information on the HDF and MoD is available at the official homepage: www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-defence.

- **PR-Strategy**

MoD Communication Department makes individual Public Affairs Strategies and plans related to different issues or events, like Hungarian commitment to NATO/EU operations, recruitment system, Zrínyi 2026 Defence and Arms development program, volunteer reserve system, defence sport association, cadet system for high school students.

- **Tasks/range of activity**

MoD Communication Department main tasks are the following ones:

- Develop PA strategy, guidelines and plans of the MoD.
 - Provides accurate, truthful and timely information to internal and external audiences to gain public support.
 - Plans, organises, coordinates, directs, controls and leads internal and external communication.
 - Plans and conducts communication activities with NATO, EU and other partners.
 - Prepares key leaders for media engagements.
 - Develops communication plans for contingency and crisis events.
 - Plans and organises press conference and other types of media events.
 - Keeps contact with media representatives, provides answers to media queries.
- **Public access to information and documents related to the armed forces**

Information is available on the official website of the Hungarian Ministry of Defence (<http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-defence>).

For further information please contact to the MoD Communication Department: sajto@hm.gov.hu.

- **Public access to parliamentary debates:**

Events and transcripts on parliamentary decisions and debates are available on the official website of the Hungarian Parliament (<http://www.parlament.hu/en/web/house-of-the-national-assembly>). For any further questions related to MoD/HDF regulations, please turn to the MoD Communication Department [at: sajto@hm.gov.hu](mailto:sajto@hm.gov.hu).

- **Exhibitions/ Shows/ Demonstration of new weapon and equipment**

Open Door Days in multiple locations.

- **Possibilities to visit the troops (Events, Open Door Days)**

Having personal information and experience on the HDF unit(s) in town for local population is an important part of the MoD/HDF PA strategy. Units regularly organise events of public interest (e.g. military music festival, sports programs and traditionalists).

- **Engagement in public schools:**

In the capital, the staff of the National University of Public Service carry out visits to universities.

Officers of the HDF Military Administration and Central Registry Command [visit](#) classes of secondary grammar schools and universities providing information about the HDF.

Parallel to the activities above, MoD has an accredited teaching program for pupils called “Cadet training”.

The military cadet vocational secondary school training that is currently being launched, regarding its educational program, is a kind of extended and better-structured training of the former Basic Military Skills school subject, but not a military secondary school since there is no compulsory living in the boarding school (as in the case of Kratochvil).

This vocational secondary school training gives civilian administrator qualification, containing advanced level physical education (6 lessons per week), advanced level English language education (included military terminology), cartographical-, security policy-, international military law-, rifle practice theoretical- and basic military technology education.

Having finished this vocational secondary school, pupils can obtain extra points if applying for admission to NCO Academy or National University of Public Service, or they have the opportunity to get a civilian administrator qualification if they do not want to join the army.

- **Seminaries, workshops, presentations:**

In cooperation with the National University of Public Service and Hungarian Military Science Association, the MoD and the HDF organise seminars, workshops and presentations on policy/professional issues. These events are usually open for the public.

For further details please visit the National University of Public Service website: <http://www.uni-nke.hu>.

- **Press releases/ Press conferences and public discussions**

MoD Communication Department releases press-announcements about the activities of the HDF and the Ministry of Defence, and organises press conferences on important policy/professional issues.

- **Publications (journals, newspapers, annual reviews)/ CD-Rom/ TV**

Ministry of Defence has its own printed periodicals related to military and security and defence policy issues:

1. Magyar Honvéd (monthly magazine)
2. Honvédségi Szemle (bi-monthly periodical)
3. Honvéd Altiszti Folyóirat (bi-monthly periodical)
4. Defence Review
5. Seregszemle (quarterly magazine)
6. Honvédorvos (quarterly magazine)

The magazines and periodicals are available for the public as well.

The National University of Public Service also operates with many different periodicals related to military, security, and defence policy and law enforcement issues:

1. AARMS – Academic and Applied Research in Military Science (quarterly periodical);
Internet: <http://uni-nke.hu/konyvtar/magyar-hadtudomanyi-folyoiratok-tartalomjegyzekai/aarms>
2. Nemzet és biztonság (quarterly periodical);
Internet: <http://www.nemzetesbiztonsag.hu/>
3. Társadalom és Honvédelem (quarterly periodical)
Internet: <http://uni-nke.hu/kutatas/egyetemi-folyoiratok/tarsadalom-es/koszonto>
4. Bolyai Szemle (quarterly periodical);
Internet: <http://uni-nke.hu/kutatas/egyetemi-folyoiratok/bolyai-szemle/koszonto>
5. Hadmérnök (quarterly periodical);
Internet: <http://www.hadmernok.hu/>
6. Hadtudományi Szemle (quarterly periodical),
Internet: <http://uni-nke.hu/kutatas/egyetemi-folyoiratok/hadtudomanyi-szemle/aktualis-szam>
7. Műszaki Katonai Közlöny (quarterly periodical);
Internet: <http://hhk.uni-nke.hu/downloads/kiadvanyok/mkk.uni-nke.hu/index.html>
8. Magyar Rendészet (quarterly periodical).

The magazines and periodicals are available for the public as well.

- **Radio/ Internet (websites)**

The MoD and the HDF have official website, social media channels and an intranet site.

For daily updated information about the events of the MoD and the HDF please visit the official webpage: www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-defence, <http://www.kormany.hu/hu/honvedelmi-miniszterium>.

The intranet site (www.parbeszed.hm.gov.hu) is only available and open for the MoD/HDF staff.

For more MoD/HDF related news, please visit the online magazine (www.honvedelem.hu) or its English version (<http://www.honvedelem.hu/english>).

In December 2011, MoD launched the HDF 'Forces' social media channels on Facebook and Youtube. For more information please visit www.facebook.com/magyarhonvedseg, https://www.instagram.com/magyar_honvedseg/www.facebook.com/HonvedelmiMiniszterium/

1.3 How does your State ensure public access to information related to your State's armed forces?

The Hungarian Parliament adopted the Act CXII of 2011 on Informational Self-Determination and Freedom of Information (the new Data Protection Act of 2011), the domestic implementation of the European Data Protection Directive (95/46/EC) which entered into force by 1 January 2012. The new Act replaced the Act LXIII of 1992 on the Protection of Personal Data and Public Access to Data of Public Interest (the Data Protection Act of 1992).

Due to the regulation, a new body has been established within the Ministry of Defence Office of Authorities for the related tasks. MoD Office of Authorities Data, Labour, Fire, Environment Protection Directory is responsible for overview the public access to all information of HDF, which is under the regulations of new Data Protection Act, and the 77/2012 MoD order.

2. Contact information

2.1 Provide information on the national point of contact for the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Contact place/ contact person (answering letters, calls, est.)

For further questions, please contact MoD Communication Department at the following email address: hmugyfelszolgalat@hm.gov.hu.

Address: H-1055, Budapest Balaton utca 7-11.

Postal Address: H-1885, Budapest P.O. Box. 25.

Telephone: +36-1-474-1168

Section IV

Issues pertaining to women, peace and security

1. Prevention

1.1 Measures to increase armed forces personnel understanding of the special needs and contributions of women in conflict

Considering peacekeeping training, gender issues are part of the pre-deployment training for all Hungarian military leaders and soldiers before deployment. Gender issues are incorporated into the CIMIC and human rights courses as part of the pre-deployment training.

In any case of gender discrimination or sexual harassment, female soldiers have the opportunity to appeal to legal officers or to the Committee on Women of the HDF.

1.2. Measures to address the violation of the rights of women and girls, in line with international standards

The Hungarian Ministry of Defence accepts and follows the recommendations of UNSCR 1325, 1820 and 1960. Issues concerning equal treatment and gender equality are involved in fundamental documents of recruitment, training and employment. In accordance with the Act CXXV of 2003 on equal treatment and the promotion of equal opportunities, selection, employment, payment and promotion of female soldiers is based on same expectations as in the case of male soldiers. Further documents focus on the rights and obligations, norms and standards of conduct for both sexes are the following:

- Act CCV of 2012 on the status of soldiers of the HDF and the Decree no. 9/2013 (VIII. 12.) of the Minister of Defence on the Implementation of the Act CCV of 2012;
- Act CXIII of 2011 on National Defence, the HDF, and the measures to implement in special legal orders [Defence Act];
- Decree no. 24/2005 (VI.30.) of the Minister of Defence on issuing the service regulations of the HDF;
- Order no. 67/2003 (HK 18.) of the Minister of Defence on publication of the Military Ethics Codex and establishment of the Military Ethics Council.

The Ministry of Defence (as well as every military organization) prepared an equality plan by the Order no. 5/2013. (I. 21) of the Minister of Defence. Furthermore, equality rapporteurs operate in the MoD as well in military departments and army bases. Training and monitoring of equality rapporteurs are coordinated by the equality rapporteur of the MoD. Issues concerning gender equality are monitored and coordinated by the Committee on Women of the HDF founded in 2003.

The Hungarian Ministry of Defence has not prepared a dedicated gender strategy yet. Gender issues in the HDF are developing gradually. We have achieved good development in some areas (CIMIC, PSYOPS). Further development is possible in case of intensive gender training and education.

2. Participation

2.1 Measures to increase the number of women in general and in decision-making positions in the armed forces and the ministry of defence

Due to the high number of female soldiers in the HDF (20%,) gender issues remain important topics.

As on 1 April 2017, there are 3510 servicewomen in the HDF. This strength involves professional (55%) and contracted (45%) troops. Focusing on ranks, there are 1125 female officers, while number of non-commissioned officers is 2385. Rank-and-file HDF members consist of 4989 crews.

Due to the high number of female soldiers in the HDF, which marks the general popularity of military profession among women, there is no need to target ladies via special campaigns. Nevertheless such initiatives as accredited teaching programs for pupils and students called „KatonaSuli” (School on Military Issues) or lectures, training programs about the HDF organized for secondary grammar schools and universities might foster young women to join the HDF. Online magazine (www.honvedelem.hu) and its English version (www.hungariandefence.com), related presence in social media (Facebook, Twitter) and „Open Days” of military bases also helps to reach female candidates.

Number and percentage of women in the military forces disaggregated by rank

As on 1 April 2017, number and percentage of female soldiers can be summarized by the following numbers of the chart:

Rank	Number of female soldiers	Percentage (%)
Colonel General	0	0
Lieutenant General	0	0
Major General	0	0
Brigadier General	0	0
Colonel	15	5
Lieutenant Colonel	129	11
Major	254	20
Captain	363	28
First Lieutenant	154	27
Second Lieutenant	210	25
Chief Warrant Officer	0	0
Second Warrant Officer	271	46
Warrant Officer	598	32
Sergeant First Class	604	25
Staff Sergeant	267	23
Sergeant	182	19
Corporal	245	10
Private First Class	39	7
Private (PV2)	107	9
Private (PV1) (does not exist)	-	-
Common soldier	72	8
Total	3510	20

Number and percentage of discrimination and sexual harassment complaints that are referred, investigated and acted upon

None of the female soldiers appealed to the Committee on Women of the HDF for investigation and remedy, cases of sexual harassment or accusations since gender discrimination were not identified in the HDF.

Number and percentage of women in peacekeeping forces disaggregated by rank

Hungarian female soldiers take part of international peacekeeping missions under the auspices of NATO, EU and UN. The following data provided by the Joint Forces Command of the HDF are summarized in the chart below.

Stakeholder	Only active duty military personnel	Total number	Total (%)	Ranks ¹									
				OF-6 and higher		OF 3-5		OF 1-2		OR 5-9		OR1-4	
NATO	Army	114	6,77%	0	0%	2	0,15%	17	1,34%	53	4,18%	14	1,1%
	Air Force	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total		114	6,77%	0	0%	2	0,15%	17	1,34%	53	4,18%	14	1,1%
EU	Army	24	7,58%	0	0%	1	1,44%	2	3,03%	18	16,36%	6	7,14%
	Air Force	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total		24	7,58%	0	0%	1	1,44%	2	3,03%	18	16,36%	6	7,14%
UN	Army	23	2,8%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7,14%	1	0,19%	1	3,7%
	Air Force	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total		23	2,8%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7,14%	1	0,19%	1	3,7%

Number and percentage of international missions where gender advisors were appointed

Special gender advisors were not appointed in international missions. Nevertheless, operational part of gender issues is included in CIMIC annex. Female soldiers played an important role in Afghanistan, in the work of the Provincial Reconstruction Team of Baghlan province. Hungarian female soldiers were responsible for keeping contact with local women community, and they were accepted among Afghan people. Female soldiers actively get in contact with local women organizations, associations in EU and UN missions as well.

¹ Ranks in accordance with NATO STANAG 2116, 1992 (Edition 5),
<https://www.natoschool.nato.int/multimedia.asp>