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PERMANENT DELEGATION OF ITALY TO THE O.S.C.E. VIENNA

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VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Delegation of Italy to the OSCE presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour to transmit hereby the response of Italy to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines for 2018, in accordance with FSC.DOC/7/04.

The Permanent Delegation of Italy to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 17/05/2013

To all Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE OSCE- Conflict Prevention Centre <u>VIENNA</u>

Year: 2018

ITALIAN RESPONSE TO OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, CONTAINED IN FSC DECISION No. 7/04

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 Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

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 Report is available at the web address:

https://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/2D60B2263E7EF037C12583DD002AECC2/\$file/Amended_Protocol_II_report_2018.pdf

Points 3 to 6:

Not applicable.

Part II

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

YES

8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

The Report is available at the web address:

https://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/8DE6FE22C832058AC12583EB0047D3BB/\$file/Italy+2018.pdf

8.(b):

Not applicable.

8.(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?

See answer number 9.

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

Italian Law 58/2001 established the "Fund for Humanitarian Demining", whose financial resources (in 2018 almost 3.7 million of Euro) are allocated to support mine action and humanitarian objectives, including victim assistance programmes.

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

NO

11. Does your country have capacity to assist others in mine action?

YES

Italian military plants are duly equipped and able to carry out stockpile destruction for specific types of antipersonnel mines. Italian armed forces possess specific technical skills relevant to: train foreign experts in mine clearance, mine awareness and stockpile destruction; provide consultancy in the selection of materials for the clearance of mined fields; help designing and building APLs destruction plants. Relevant costs for those types of assistance should be borne by requesting States.

Italian NGOs, associations and companies possess specific technical skills and previous field experience relevant for planning and implementing mine action projects in the field of mine clearance, mine awareness and victim assistance.
