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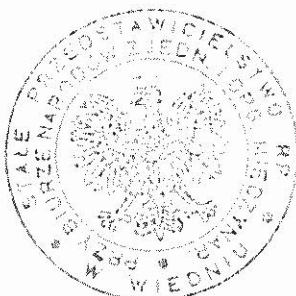
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and pursuant to the Decision 7/04 of the Forum for Security Cooperation, has the honor to submit the requested information on anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war for 2017.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest considerations. AB



Vienna, 17 May 2018

To:

All Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE in Vienna  
The Conflict Prevention Centre

Vienna

**The Republic of Poland**

**OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**

**Reporting period: 2017**

**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.**

**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.

**As enclosed.**

**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.**

- 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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- (b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?

**Refer to 7.**

- (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?

**In our initial report which is available at the following link:**

**[http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/981E071DBA17A089C1257C310050A5F9/\\$file/Poland+initial+report.pdf](http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/981E071DBA17A089C1257C310050A5F9/$file/Poland+initial+report.pdf),**

**we listed the legal measures that were introduced to implement the Convention in Poland (Form A, “National implementation measures”).**

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

**No, but as far as Polish citizens are concerned general regulations exist. Mine/UXO survivors are entitled to the same standards of public healthcare as all other insured persons. Military casualties are entitled to medicine and orthopaedic equipment free of charge.**

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

**NO.**

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

**Poland has some capacities in this respect but any such engagement would have to be subject to a specific request and additional arrangements.**

## The Republic of Poland

### OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

Reporting period: 2017

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?

**Poland ratified PV on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and in the following year it entered into force (26<sup>th</sup> March 2012).**

Is your country considering doing so?

**Refer to 1.**

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

**Refer to 1.**

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.

**Poland has some capacities in this respect but any such engagement would have to be a subject to a specific request and additional arrangements.**

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**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)

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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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CONTRACTING PARTY: POLAND

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 27.03.2018

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

YES

NO

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2017  
dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31/12/2017  
dd/mm/yyyy

**Form A:** Dissemination of information:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: )

**Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2003)

**Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2003)

**Form D:** Legislation:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2003)

**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: 2003)

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

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2003)

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REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form A                      Dissemination of information

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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:

**POLAND**

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#### **INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**

**All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed and trained in the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict including the rules set by the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:**

- military and postgraduate studies, defence policy studies, operational-tactical studies, operational-strategic studies and qualification courses dedicated for candidates for professional officers, officers, military commanders and legal advisors organized by Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools;**
- training, special and qualification courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilian personnel conducted in training centres of all armed services;**
- the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;**
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the International Humanitarian Law norms and regulations.**

**Training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before deployment.**

**In 2017 Polish Naval Academy (PNA) organized International Conference of the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols). It was addressed to civilians and military personnel.**



## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### **INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**

Civilian students received relevant information concerning the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols) during optional or obligatory courses organized by Polish Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools.

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), under the auspices of the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross (PRC), which operates since 1977, is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Center runs the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contains a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The library is used by students and post-graduates in law, political sciences, and international relations, as well as secondary school students and PRC workers and volunteers from across the country.

During the year 2017, the PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized a number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them contained topics which focused on legal aspects of landmines (including II Protocol to CCW). It is worth mentioning just a few of the most important ones:

- XXI Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict, in Radziejowice – an annual 5-days course for law and international relations students from civil and military universities, representatives of the Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers.
- Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major Polish Universities and Armed Forces;
- Lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by Military Center for Education – several lectures during 2017;
  - XX edition of Professor Remigiusz Bierzanek contest for the best Ph.D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
  - International Humanitarian Law training for journalists – one day training with Marcin Marcinko, Ph.D., head of the IHL Dissemination Commission as a main speaker. 24 journalists from national and local newspapers, TV and radio stations participated;
  - Coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions,  
including :
    - assessment of applications for use of the emblem,
    - interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale.
  - Coordination of the activities of the IHL Dissemination Commission, including :
    - initiatives on promotion and dissemination of IHL,
    - networking and knowledge sharing,
    - publication and promotion of books.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**Form E**                      **International technical information exchange, cooperation  
on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

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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:

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**INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

**In 2017 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland contributed with 50 thousand US dollars in support of UNMAS's actions in Gaza ("Mitigation of the threat posed by explosive hazards in Gaza"). In the last three years Poland's total financial assistance to this particular program amounted to 135 thousand US dollars.**

**At the reporting period the Polish Engineering Forces personnel was not directly engaged in activities related to the international technical information exchange, international cooperation on mine clearance and technical cooperation and assistance.**

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**