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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the OSCE, presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Delegations of all participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Center and has the honour, in reference to the decision No. 10/02 of the Forum for Security Co-operation, to provide herewith the reply of Cyprus to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and the Explosive Remnants of Wars.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions and Delegations of the participating States and to the Conflict Prevention Center, the assurances of its highest consideration.



To: -Permanent Missions and Delegations of all Participating States to the OSCE  
-Conflict Prevention Centre

## OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines 2017

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

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 Attachment I

3. **Is your country considering ratification/ accession to the Amended Protocol II?**

Not Applicable

4. **What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?**

The Republic of Cyprus has taken the following measures:

- a. Clearance of minefields located near inhabited areas in order to secure the safety of civilians.
- b. A specialized mine clearance team was set up in 1987 and has been operating since, being responsible for demining and minefield maintenance. This team is also on call to help civilians when such a need arises.
- c. A number of mines of various types, which had been deemed dangerous, have been destroyed.
- d. Plastic mines have been fitted with metal bases in order to be traced more easily by common metal mine detectors.
- e. The exact boundaries of all minefields which are under the control of the Republic of Cyprus have been marked and relevant topographical plans have been drawn up. Also, all minefields which are under the control of the Republic have been fenced.

f. In 2016, the Republic of Cyprus proceeded with the destruction of 60 anti – personnel mines retained under Article 3, thus reducing its current stockpile to 440 mines.

**5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

Yes, our country is interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol, although there is an active mine sweeping unit in the National Guard, with the mission of carrying out mine - sweeping, minefield re - laying and maintenance of existing National Guard minefields. Any cooperation with other parties (members) for the exchange of information and know - how is welcomed.

**6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

Cyprus does not have the capacity to assist others related to this protocol.

**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 Republic of Cyprus deposited its instrument of ratification of the above Convention on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2003.

**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.**

As Attachment II.

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

Not Applicable

**(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 Republic of Cyprus does not produce, or transfer antipersonnel mines. The Republic has adopted legislatively, both the Ottawa Convention and the CCW II

Revised Protocol. Regarding the storage, transfer and destruction of antipersonnel mines, specific and strict directives of the National Guard apply.

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

Fortunately, there have not been any victims within the recent years. The Republic of Cyprus has the capacity to provide immediate and comprehensive medical assistance when needed, and maintains an active policy concerning the rehabilitation and welfare of handicapped individuals.

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

Due to the ongoing occupation of territories of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkish troops and the consequent existence of a Buffer Zone, between the Turkish Occupation Troops and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic, in a gesture of good will, concluded a unilateral agreement, in cooperation with the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), and has thus proceeded with the clearance of all minefields laid by the National Guard located in the Buffer Zone.

The demining program within the Buffer Zone was completed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, despite the fact that the Turkish occupational forces have still not given authorization, for the clearance of one Turkish minefield in the vicinity of the village Deryneia.

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

As paragraph 6 above.

**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]:

**REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

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**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".

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>	

**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]: **REPUBLIC of CYPRUS** reporting for time period from **1 January 2017** to **31 December 2017**

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>Since July 2007, the Republic of Cyprus is a country free from stockpiled antipersonnel mines.</b>			
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) \*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
TOTAL			

\* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

**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]: REPUBLIC of CYPRUS reporting for time period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

1. Areas that contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
				<b>Since July 2013, there are no antipersonnel mines laid in the minefields of the National Guard, in the territories under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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



**Form C** (continued)

2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
<p>The only area in Cyprus where mined areas containing anti-personnel mines are known to exist is the part of its territory which remains under Turkish military occupation and which is not accessible to the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus. At least 20 minefields laid and maintained in the occupied areas by the Turkish forces are yet to be cleared of anti-personnel mines and one of them is situated within the buffer zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia.</p> <p>The Republic of Cyprus, having taken concrete steps to ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines in the areas occupied by Turkey, submitted to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) information on 28 known minefields, which were laid prior to the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to information released by UNFICYP, those 28 minefields were subjected to a non technical survey by United Nations Mines Action Service (UNMAS) and according to its assessment only 3 of them require further technical survey.</p> <p>While the Republic of Cyprus maintains jurisdiction over the whole of the island, it does not have effective control over those areas under Turkish military occupation, and is thus unable to fulfil its obligations stemming from the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) due to the fact that Turkey, forcefully denies the agents of the Republic access to the occupied areas. As a result, Cyprus requested and was granted an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines until July 1st, 2019.</p>				

**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]: **REPUBLIC of CYPRUS** reporting for time period from **1 January 2017** to **31 December 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
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>				
TOTAL	-----			

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

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

<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>	“Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use”
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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  
**Form D** (continued)

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
<b>NIL</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type of A/P Mines	Quantity of A/P Mines until 7/10/2010	Quantity of A/P Mines destroyed on 08/10/2010	Quantity of A/P Mines destroyed in 2016	Current Balance	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
<b>NATIONAL GUARD</b>	<b>M2A1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>		
	<b>M2A3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>		
	<b>M16</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>		
	<b>M16A1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>		
	<b>M16A2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>		
	<b>M16E3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

	<b>VS50</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>		
	<b>GLD112</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>994</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>440</b>		

**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."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>		

**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]: REPUBLIC of CYPRUS reporting for time period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

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

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

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

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

**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]: REPUBLIC of CYPRUS reporting for time period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
M16A1 –A2	0	---	
M16E3		---	
M2A1-A4		---	
VS-50		---	
GLD 112		---	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	---

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
NIL	NIL	<b>All demining operations were completed before the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2013, which was the set dead line for the completion of Cyprus' obligations under the OTTAWA Convention.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Form G** (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)\*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>	NIL	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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\* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.



**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]: REPUBLIC of CYPRUS reporting for time period from 1 January 2017 To 31 December 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			
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>							

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			
<b>Unchanged from last reporting</b>							

**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]: **REPUBLIC of CYPRUS** reporting for time period from **1 January 2017** to **31 December 2017**

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**Unchanged from last reporting**

**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.

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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

**NIL**

PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITION 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)

(Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2)

NAME OF HIGH  
CONTRACTING PARTY

**CYPRUS**

DATE OF SUBMISSION

29/05/2018

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF  
CONTACT

This information can be made available to all interested parties and entries:



**YES**



NO



Partially only the following forms:

A



B



C



D



E



F



G





**Form B**

**Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 13 / 4 / b

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party

**Cyprus**

reporting for time 01-01-2016 to 31-12-2016  
period from

Mine clearance programmes

The Republic of Cyprus cleared all minefields in the area under its effective control, including within the buffer zone, by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, deadline set by the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC).

The only area in Cyprus where mined areas containing anti-personnel mines are known to exist is the part of its territory which remains under Turkish military occupation and which is not accessible to the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus. At least 20 minefields laid and maintained in the occupied areas by the Turkish forces are yet to be cleared of anti-personnel mines and one of them is situated within the buffer zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia.

The Republic of Cyprus, having taken concrete steps to ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines in the areas occupied by Turkey, submitted to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) information on 28 known minefields, which were laid prior to the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to information released by UNFICYP, those 28 minefields were subjected to a non technical survey by United Nations Mines Action Service (UNMAS) and according to its assessment only 3 of them require further technical survey.

While the Republic of Cyprus maintains jurisdiction over the whole of the island, it does not have effective control over those areas under Turkish military occupation, and is thus unable to fulfil its obligations stemming from the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) due to the fact that Turkey, forcefully denies the agents of the Republic access to the occupied areas. As a result, Cyprus requested and was granted an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adopted the relevant legislation and laws, regarding the provisions required for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.

**Form C**

**Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13 / 4 / c

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

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party     **Cyprus**     reporting for time 01-01-2017 to 31-12-2017  
period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Technical requirements

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all the necessary steps to comply with the protocol’s technical requirements. For this purpose, all minefields within the areas under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

Any other relevant information

**Form D**

**Legislation**

Article 13 / 4 / d "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

High Contracting Party **Cyprus** reporting for time 01-01-2017 to 31-12-2017  
\_\_\_\_\_ period from \_\_\_\_\_

Legislation

The Republic of Cyprus has ratified the amended Protocol II and the additional Protocol IV of CCW (11<sup>th</sup> July 2003), as well as the Ottawa Convention (17<sup>th</sup> January 2003), and incorporated them into law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2004.







**Form G**

**Information to the UN-Database on mine clearance**

Article 13 / 4 / g

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository.... on:

(g) Information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance;

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period from \_\_\_\_\_

The National Guard strives to keep informed on international practices and standards, equipment and methodologies, as regards modern mine clearance operations and technologies.

Lists of experts and expert agencies

For details please contact the point of contact listed below.

National points of contact on mine clearance

For further details and information please contact:

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