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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE in Vienna and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour, with reference to FSC.DEC/7/04, to provide the Questionnaire on Anti – Personnel Landmines.

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 30 May, 2019



To: the Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE
Conflict Prevention Centre

Vienna

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

**To be submitted no later than 31 May of each year
(starting in May 2005)**

Part I

1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

YES. The Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 was ratified and promulgated in the Czech Republic by Act No. 21/1999 of the Collection of Laws and entered into force on 10 February 1999.

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.

In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report (ANNEX 1).

Part II

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

YES. The Ottawa Treaty is in the Czech Republic implemented by the Act No. 305/1999 of the Collection of Laws, on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and entered into force on 3 December 1999.

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.

In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report (ANNEX 2).

(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 of moratorium has been introduced, what stage is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

YES. In accordance with the Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than what a statute provides, the treaty shall apply. The Ottawa Treaty is in the Czech Republic implemented by the Act No. 305/1999 of the Collection of Laws, on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic No. 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws includes paragraph No. 280, called "Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat". This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of two years up to eight years.

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

NO. The Czech Republic is not a mine-affected country.

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

NO.

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

YES. The Czech Republic regularly provides financial contribution for mine action and clearance in order to minimize the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war (ERW). The Czech Republic in given period (Year 2018) provided financial contribution to:

- 1) **the Ottawa Treaty** on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty - 150,000 CZK;
- 2) **Bosnia and Herzegovina** through International Trust Fund (ITF) to be used for demining 3,581 sq. m of soil in the area of Zemljište Krsmanović Vitomira (the Rogatica region, Republika Srpska) - 250,000 CZK;
- 3) **Ukraine** through the NATO-Ukraine Medical Rehabilitation Trust Fund to provide support to patients (i.e. active and discharged Ukrainian servicemen and women and civilian personnel from the defence and security sector) to ensure they have rapid access to medical rehabilitation care and to longer term medical services as well as support to the medical rehabilitation system in Ukraine to ensure that the system has the means to provide such a support – 40,000 EUR;
- 4) **Bosnia and Herzegovina** through the OSCE SAFE-UP Project to increase security and service support to ammunition and weapons warehouses in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to show an effort in contributing to stabilization of the Western Balkan – 39,925 EUR.

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate between various ERW (mines, cluster munitions, EOD) in terms of assistance, above given information on assistance is also included in CCW P-II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANATS OF WAR

To be submitted on a voluntary basis along with the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines no later than 31 May each year.

1. Has your country notified the Depository of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force?

YES.

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

In the Czech Republic the procedure of ratification of CCW Protocol V on ERW was completed on 12 May 2006 and the instruments of ratification were deposited with the Depository on 6 June 2006. The Protocol V entered into force for the Czech Republic on 6 December 2006.

3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

NO. The Czech Republic is not an ERW-affected country.

4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

YES. The Czech Republic regularly provides financial contribution for mine action and clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW, see above.

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**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)**

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 22/03/2019

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

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Form A Dissemination of information

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:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2018**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

Nothing to report.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

The Protocol on prohibitions or restrictions on the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices (Protocol II) as amended on 3 May 1996 was ratified and promulgated in the Czech Republic by Act No. 21/1999 of the Collection of Laws.

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Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13,
paragraph 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:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2018**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

**Non-detectable mines (44,353 pcs of PP Mi-Na I) not fulfilling the requirements and
limitations in accordance with Protocol II were all destroyed in 1997.**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Nothing to report.

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

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (e)

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

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2018**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Nothing to report.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Nothing to report.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

The Czech Republic in a given period provided financial contribution to:

- 1) the Ottawa Treaty on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty – 150,000 CZK;**
- 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina through the International Trust Fund (ITF) to be used for demining of 3,581 sq. m soil in the area of Zemljište Krsmanović Vitomira (the Rogatica region, Republika Srpska) – 250,000 CZK;**
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to medical rehabilitation care and to longer term medical services as well as support to the medical rehabilitation system in Ukraine to ensure that the system has the means to provide such a support – 40,000 EUR;

4) Bosnia and Herzegovina through the OSCE SAFE-UP Project to increase security and service support to ammunition and weapons warehouses in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to show an effort in contributing to stabilization of the Western Balkan – 39,925 EUR.

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate among various ERWs (mines, cluster munitions, EOD) in terms of assistance, the above given information on assistance is also included in CCW P-II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

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Form F Other relevant matters

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (f)

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2018**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

Nothing to report.

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Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11,
paragraph 2,

“2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2018**

dd/mm/yyyy

to: **31/12/2018**

dd/mm/yyyy

MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

The engineer units of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic are equipped with the Midi-flail mine clearance system BOZENA 5 (hereinafter referred as BOZENA).

BOZENA is a tracked mechanical mine clearing machine remotely controlled by a transmitter with a range of 2,000 m, meant for clearing anti-personnel mines both pressure and tripwire fused and for anti-tank mines up to 9 kg of TNT charged. The system is suitable for clearing large mine affected areas. It can be road transported on trailer between working areas.

BOZENA is protected from detonations by an armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal covering, giving protection against damage from detonations.

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COVER PAGE¹
OF THE ANNUAL ARTICLE 7 REPORT

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<p>Form A: National implementation measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017)</p>	<p>Form F: Programme of APM destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form G: APM destroyed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2001) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form C: Location of mined areas: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form H: Technical characteristics: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form D: APMs retained or transferred: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form I: Warning measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form E: Status of conversion programmes: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2001) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form J: Other Relevant Matters: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>

¹ Notes on using the cover page:

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2. The cover page could be used as a **substitute** for submitting detailed forms adopted at the [First and Second] Meetings of the States parties only if all of the information to be provided in an annual report is the same as in past reports.
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**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]:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

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]: THE CZECH REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018

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
Ministry of Defence, Supply Centres Hostašovice and Dobronín (Military unit number 5512), Support Battalion Vyškov (Military unit number 8660)	PP-Mi-Šr	1,025	17/52, 38/53	Used for the training in mine detection, mine clearance and mine destruction techniques by the Army of the Czech Republic.
	PP Mi-Šr II	1,155	14/57	
TOTAL	-----	2,180		

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

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programmes or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialists are trained to detect and to destroy APMs.	The regular special courses to train and/or educate current and new EOD personnel.	“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”.

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 J Other relevant matters

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

State [Party]: THE CZECH REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Steps taken to implement provisions of Article 6:

The Czech Republic in given period provided financial contribution to:

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Matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7

On 1 January 2016, the Military Training Area Brdy was abolished by Act No. 15/2015 of the Collection of Laws, on the border military districts. The process of search, detection and destruction of UXO in this area was completed.

Although Brdy Protected Landscape Area was established in January 2016, the entire area is not open to the public. There are six locations which will remain permanently closed, which include inaccessible target impact areas.

In this regard, on 9 October 2017 the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic issued a Provision, which established temporarily no-go zones within the Military Training Area Brdy until 31 December 2018 due to their pyrotechnic reconnaissance. Once this reconnaissance is concluded there will be a new Provision issued cancelling these temporary no-go zones.