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PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE

ENGLISH only

Note No. 3 /2017

NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malta to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe presents its compliments to the Delegations of Participating States and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and in accordance with FSC.DEC/7/04, has the honour to provide the requested information on anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war for 2016.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malta to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Delegations of Participating States and to the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE the assurances of its highest consideration. *AS*

Vienna, 11th April, 2017

Director – Conflict Prevention Centre
Delegations of all Participating States
VIENNA

OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines

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 Malta is a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II.

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.

Attached please find this annual report dated 10 April 2017 covering the reporting period 01 Jan 2016 till 31 Dec 2016.

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 Malta ratified the said Convention on 7th May 2001.

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.

Attached please find the 2015 Report.

(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?

Malta has not adopted any legislation that addresses the humanitarian objectives of the Convention. Malta's legal framework is in place with regard to the prohibition of the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines through the National Interest Enabling Powers Act, (Chap. 365) and the Military Equipment (Export Control) Regulations. No moratorium was introduced.

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

N/A

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

Malta does not produce, use, stock or transfer anti-personnel landmines. There are no known mined areas within Maltese territory and no such assistance is required.

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

Due to the small size of the force, the Armed Forces of Malta are limited in their ability to provide assistance. This position is renewed annually.

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)**

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: MALTA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 10/04/17

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AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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 ☐

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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:

MALTA

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

Instruction lectures for the personnel of the Armed Forces of Malta take into consideration the requirements in the Amended Protocol II as well as those in the Ottawa Convention.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

Presently, there was no need to disseminate information or documentation to the civilian population or other non-military audiences.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (b)

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark: There are no mine contaminated areas on Maltese territory.

High Contracting Party:

MALTA

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2016**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

N/A

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

N/A

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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:

MALTA

Reporting for time period

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31/12/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

**The Republic of Malta takes all the necessary steps to meet relevant technical
requirements.**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

N/A

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Form D

Legislation

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (d)

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

MALTA

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/16**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

LEGISLATION:

N/A

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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:

Malta

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

N/A

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Since the Armed Forces of Malta is only engaged in local exigencies, there is no need to seek or provide international cooperation.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

Since the Armed Forces of Malta is only engaged in local exigencies, there is no need to seek or provide technical cooperation and assistance.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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:

Malta

Reporting for time period

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

The Armed Forces of Malta has no other information 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:

MALTA

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2016**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2016

dd/mm/yyyy

MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

The Armed Forces of Malta follows international practices and standards in mine clearance.

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

N/A

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**COVER PAGE¹
OF THE ANNUAL ARTICLE 7 REPORT**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: Malta

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Form A: National implementation measures: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012)	Form F: Programme of APM destruction: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable
Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable	Form G: APM destroyed: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable
Form C: Location of mined areas: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable	Form H: Technical characteristics: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable
Form D: APMs retained or transferred: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable	Form I: Warning measures: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable
Form E: Status of conversion programmes: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable	Form J: Other Relevant Matters: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2012) ☐ non applicable

¹ Notes on using the cover page:

1. The cover page could be used as a **complement** to submitting detailed forms adopted at the [First and Second] Meetings of the States parties in instances when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports. That is, when using the cover page, only forms within which there is new information would need to be submitted.
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.
3. If an indication is made on the cover sheet that the information to be provided with respect to a particular form would be unchanged in relationship to a previous year's form, the date of submission of the previous form should be clearly indicated.

OSCE Questionnaire on Explosive Remnants of War - 2016

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? Is your country considering doing so?

Malta is one of 87 States that have consented to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V.

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

Not applicable

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 such assistance is required by Malta.

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

Due to the small size of the force, the Armed Forces of Malta are limited in their ability to provide assistance.