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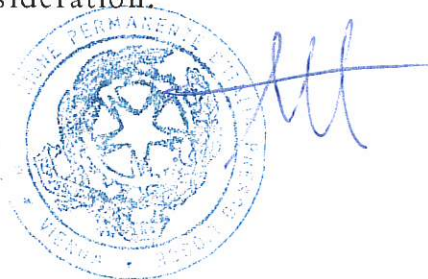
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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE presents its compliments to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and, with reference to FSC Decision No. 7/04, has the honor to enclose the Italian responses to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines concerning the years 2017 and 2019 for the sole purpose of the publication on Delweb. The two documents had not been sent previously due to technical reasons

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



**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://geneva-s3.unoda.org/ccw-apis-database-dump/Italy/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.

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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?

Italian Law 58/2001 established the “Fund for Humanitarian Demining”, whose financial resources (amounting to 3.290.594 Euro in 2017) are allocated to support mine action and humanitarian objectives.

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

Italy is strongly committed to support mine action programmes globally, including victim assistance programmes. To this end, a dedicated national trust fund for Humanitarian Demining was set up by law. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation coordinates the allocations of resources to mine action projects relating to anti-personnel landmines, with a particular focus on assistance to victims, clearance and risk education.

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

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, through a dedicated trust fund and with the support of Italian NGOs, coordinates international projects to support mine action in third countries.

Italian armed forces, thanks to a national Centre of Excellence for countering all types of explosives devices, 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. Italy has also the capability to assist third countries in carrying out stockpile destruction for specific types of antipersonnel mines.

Italian NGOs, associations and companies have 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.

Year : 2019

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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?

Italian Law 58/2001 established the “Fund for Humanitarian Demining”, whose financial resources (amounting to 4.082.235 Euro in 2019) are allocated to support mine action and humanitarian objectives.

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

Italy is strongly committed to support mine action programmes globally, including victim assistance and risk education programmes. To this end, Italian Law 58/2001 set up a dedicated national trust fund for humanitarian demining. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation coordinates the allocations of resources to mine action projects relating to anti-personnel landmines and explosive remnants of war, with a focus on victim assistance, clearance, risk education and sharing of demining expertise.

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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.

Italian armed forces, in cooperation with a national Centre of Excellence for countering all types of explosives devices, possess specific technical skills to train foreign experts in mine clearance activities, raise mine awareness and perform stockpile destruction activities. In this regard, Italy import for destruction anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war from other countries. Relevant costs for those types of assistance should be borne by the requesting States.
