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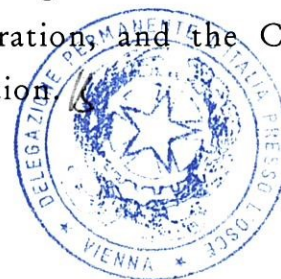
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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe presents its compliments to the Delegations and Permanent Missions of all Participating States, the Forum for Security Cooperation and the Conflict Prevention Centre and, with reference to FSC Decision No. 7/04, has the honor to submit the updated version of the Italian Response to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and on Explosive Remnants of War.

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE, the Forum for Security Cooperation, and the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.



To all Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE
OSCE- Conflict Prevention Centre
VIENNA

**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:

The Report will soon be available on the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs' Amended Protocol II online database (<https://www.un.org/disarmament/ccw-amended-protocol-ii/national-annual-reports-and-data-base/ccw-apii-database/>).

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.

The Report is available at the web address:

<https://www.un.org/disarmament/anti-personnel-landmines-convention/article-7-reports/article-7-database/>

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 8.590.733 Euro in 2022) are allocated to support mine action and humanitarian objectives.

Italian Law 220/2021 established “Measures to counter the financing of companies producing anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and submunitions”.

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.
