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 DISCRIMINATE EFFECTS
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)

Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2, pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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☑ YES
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REPORTING PERIOD: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

Form A: Dissemination of information:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2001)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2001)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2001)

Form D: Legislation:
- changed
- unchanged

On 11 July 2013, the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State promulgated Law N. VIII: "Supplementary Norms on Criminal Law Matters". Art 17 (War Crimes) paragraph "n" of the aforementioned Law states that «Whoever, in the course of an armed conflict, whether of an international character or not, commits or orders someone to commit one of the following acts: [...] employing weapons, projectiles and material and methods of warfare which are of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering or which are inherently indiscriminate, in violation of the international law of armed conflict, including bullets which expand or flatten easily in the human body, such as bullets with a hard envelope which does not entirely cover the core or is pierced with incisions, antipersonnel mines and cluster munitions [...] is punished with no less than twenty years imprisonment»

Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2001)

Form F: Other relevant matters:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2001)

Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2001)