Note Verbale

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to provide the annual reports of Germany on

- CCW Amended Protocol II,
- CCW Protocol V,
- CCW Compliance Mechanism.


The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
(Geneva Branch)
CCW-Secretariat
Palais des Nations

GENEVA
pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: GERMANY

PARTY TO:
- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
- Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 31st March of each calendar year)

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

☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
REPORTING PERIOD:

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

FROM 01/01/2016 TO 31/12/2016

FORM A: Dissemination of information:
✓ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year: 2015)

FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information:
✓ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year: 2015)

FORM C: Legislation:
☐ changed
✓ unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
✓ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year: 2015)

FORM E: Other relevant matters
✓ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year: 2015)

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting period: from 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

☒ Additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2016

☒ Additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2016

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

(i) All soldiers of the Federal Armed Forces concerned with the subject receive instruction in international law including the rules set by the Protocols. This training is conducted in the military units by superiors and legal advisers and at the Federal Armed Forces Schools and Academies by law scholars. Military manuals and orders concerning training and instruction in this respect are continuously updated.

(ii) Via Joint Service Regulation A-2141/1 (formerly ZDv 15/2) “International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts – Manual” Version 2 of 18/02/2016, the contents and provisions of the Convention and its Protocols are disseminated and implemented. This Manual summarizes the provisions on inter-national humanitarian law and presents them as a regulation to be observed by all military personnel. It also serves as a foundation for initial and extension training of military personnel in the field of international law. Moreover, the Joint Service Regulation A-2141/1 covers the latest developments in the law of armed conflict.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programmes, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

(iii) The content and the date of the entry into force of the Convention and its annexed Protocols are published in the Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt) which contains the complete legislation of the federal government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Any other relevant information:

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
(iv) The Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Defense, and the German Red Cross publish the bilingual (English and German) omnibus publication “Documents on International Humanitarian Law | Dokumente zum humanitären Völkerrecht” (3rd edition, 2016; ISBN 978-3-89665-710-7). This publication includes, inter alia, the text of the Convention, including the amendment of its Article 1, and of all Protocols in German and English language.
FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting period: from 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

☑ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2016

☑ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2016

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

(i) In the acquisition and procurement of weaponry covered by the Convention and its Protocols, Germany, by virtue of Article 36 of the 1977 Additional Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, is continuously determining whether its employment would be permissible under, or in conformity with, the Convention and its Protocols or any other applicable rule of international law. This determination is made by the Steering Group “Review of New Weapons and Methods of Warfare”, a standing committee within the German Federal Ministry of Defense. The Steering group is under the responsibility of the International and Operational Law Branch in the Directorate-General for Legal Affairs. German Federal Armed Forces have published Joint Service Regulation A-2146/1 as of 13/06/2016 which defines the obligations, responsibilities and methods of the above mentioned determination.

Any other relevant information:

(ii) Complementary to response (i) and whenever applicable, generic preventive measures under Article 9 of Protocol V in conjunction with Part 3 of the Technical Annex to Protocol V are given full consideration.
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:
(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting period: from 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

☒ additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2016

☒ additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2016

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

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Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

| N/A |
**FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance**

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

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- Additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: [2016](#)

- Additional information of measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: [2016](#)

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

| Financial Support to: | the International Trust Fund (ITF) in Slovenia, |
|-----------------------|__________________________________________|
|                       | the OSCE, |
|                       | the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA), |
|                       | the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), |
|                       | the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), |
|                       | the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), |
|                       | the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, |
|                       | Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, |
|                       | Centre for Security Cooperation “RACVIAC” in Croatia, |
|                       | the International Coalition to Ban Landmines/Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL/CMC), |
|                       | national and international NGOs |

International technical assistance:

| Staff Support to: | the GICHD (through secondment of a landmine expert) |

Any other relevant information:

Under the umbrella of the European Training Mission Mali, EUTM, the German Federal Armed Forces trained military engineers of Mali’s Armed Forces, including in aspects of mine clearance, explosive ordnance disposal and counter-IED. Furthermore Ammunition Technical Training was provided to 18 students of Mali’s Armed Forces on the basis of IATG under the lead of the...
Bundeswehr Verification Center.

During the mission “Resolute Support” in Afghanistan, the German Federal Armed Forces supported the Afghan National Army Engineer School with Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (OMLTs), including in aspects of mine clearance, explosive ordnance disposal and Counter-IED.
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(c) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting period: from 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2016

Additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2016

Other relevant matters:

Germany is a State Party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to the Arms Trade Treaty.

In 2016 Germany was the Chair of the CCW Experts Meeting on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).

Germany is a member of the Technical Review Board (TRB) of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) within the UN SaferGuard Programme. Expert input was contributed during the review process of the IATG in 2015 and during the annual meeting of the TRB in December 2016 in Geneva.

Beside the comprehensive German Federal Armed Forces national regulations on Ammunition Management based on NATO publications, German military troops implement the IATG while contributing in Peacekeeping Operations abroad, e.g. currently within the mandate of MINUSMA.

In 2016 Germany took over the presidency of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.