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The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), and has the honour to submit Switzerland's 2017 Annual Report according to article 10 paragraph 2(b) of "Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War", annexed to the 1980 "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".

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland thanks ODA for circulating this annual report to all High Contracting Parties.

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to ODA the assurances of its highest consideration. *DFS*

Geneva, 31 March 2018



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**REPORTING FORMS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 2 (b) OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE
DECISION OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING
PARTIES TO PROTOCOL V**

(As adopted by the First Conference at its second plenary meeting on 5 November 2007)

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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FORM A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex:

The Federal Constitution and the Law on the Armed Forces assign the following three missions to the armed forces:

- (1) Defence
- (2) Support of civilian authorities
- (3) Peace support

The Swiss Armed Forces use explosive ammunition for training purposes. The use is recorded both manually and electronically (i.e. by the computer-based information system of the army (FIS Heer), or computer-based command and fire control systems of the artillery (INTAFF)). Furthermore, the respective provisions of the CCW and its annexed protocols are integrated in the relevant field manuals.

In the contribution to peace support, the Swiss Armed Forces do not use any explosive ammunition. Since members of the Swiss Armed Forces, in accordance with Military Law, are not allowed to participate in combat operations in the framework of peace enforcement operations, they are currently armed with weapons acting through kinetic energy for self-protection only.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM C: Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol: Other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM D: Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol: Provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and
assistance

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

[Please refer to Form D of Switzerland CCW Compliance Report for the year 2017 available on the Convention's Website:
[https://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/\(httpPages\)/4DAAC823AA644F5FC1257F9C0032C5C6?OpenDocument](https://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/(httpPages)/4DAAC823AA644F5FC1257F9C0032C5C6?OpenDocument)]

Any other relevant information:

N/A

FORM E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the
relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

(Victim assistance is part of Switzerland's contribution to international cooperation and assistance. Please refer to Form E above for further information.)

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

N/A

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FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM G: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

FORM H: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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Any other relevant information:

In the context of explosive remnants of war, including explosive remnants of cluster munitions, Switzerland is also a State Party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

The international obligations set out in this treaty are reflected in the relevant articles of the Federal Act on War Material (articles 8, 8a, 8b and 8c as well as articles 35, 35a and 35b) (see: http://www.admin.ch/ch/fr/rs/514_51/index.html).