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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to Department for Disarmament Affairs, Secretariat of CCW and has the honour to enclose here attached the report of Albania on CCW for the period 01 January - 31 December 2013, prepared by Albanian Mine & Munitions Coordination Office.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Disarmament Affairs, Secretariat of CCW in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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## REPORTING FORMS

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)

## COVER PAGE

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: ALBANIA

## 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: March 2014

(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 1 October of each calendar year)

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<sup>1</sup> Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).

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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.

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.

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## SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period: from January 2013 to December 2013  
 [dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed  
 unchanged  
 (last reporting year: )

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed  
 unchanged  
 (last reporting year: )

Form C: Legislation:

changed  
 unchanged  
 (last reporting year: )

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:

changed  
 unchanged  
 (last reporting year: )

Form E: Other relevant matters:

changed  
 unchanged  
 (last reporting year: )

**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.

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**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;"*

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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: 2013

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: 2013

**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:**

The Albanian Armed Forces personnel directly involved in ERW/UXO recovery and disposal are issued with appropriate instructions, operating procedures and receive training consistent with the relevant provisions of these Protocols.

In addition, army personnel from the Albanian Armed Forces, who participate in Joint International Peacekeeping Missions are briefed on the purpose and provisions of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

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

Risk Education activities continued around the unexploded ordnance/ Explosive Remnants of War contaminated hotspots in Albania and closely linked with the community liaison efforts. In cooperation with the Albanian Red Cross (A.R.C) and with the financial support from the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Albanian Mines and Munitions Coordination Office (AMMCO) coordinated and monitored vital risk education activities in order to raise caution on ammunition threats and prevent new accidents among civilians living around the contaminated areas. Awareness materials and official warning signs were produced and distributed in the affected areas in cooperation with the A.R.C. Warning signs were erected around ammunition affected hotspots pointing out and warning the public on explosive hazards. Posters with risk education messages were also installed in the most dangerous areas identified during AMMCO's technical and socio-economic surveys. Hotspots sites that AMMCO has assessed as high risk areas. Improved communication between locals and relevant authorities is advancing safety and building trust in affected communities. Risk education instructors were collecting data disaggregated by sex and age on people injured by UXO in all 12 regions in Albania. This allows AMMCO to support the Ministry of Health and other related agencies in assisting UXO/Mine survivors and other disabled people.

Any other relevant information:

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N/A

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**FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information**Paragraph 4 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: ALBANIA

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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: 2013

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: 2013

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

**Amended Protocol II - Art 13, para 4 (c)**

**1. Recording**

No reports of minefields were made available to the Albanian Government after the Kosovo conflict, which rendered the work of the clearance organizations in the contaminated mined areas more difficult. Albania has never made use of anti-personnel mines or booby-traps in its territory.

**2. Specifications on detectability**

Albania has ratified the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in 1999 and since then does not produce any anti-personnel mines. In addition, Albania has completed the destruction of its APM stockpile since 4 April 2002 and it has decided to not retain any anti-personnel mines for training purposes.

**3. International signs for minefields and mined areas.**

All minefields were properly marked in compliance with the international mine action standards and the Amended Protocol II until their final clearance in 2009.

**Protocol V - Article 9 and Technical Annex**

**a) Munitions production**

The Republic of Albania does not produce any weapons or ammunition in its territory.

**b) Munitions Management**

The Albanian Armed Forces standards for the safe stockpiling, storage, packing of ammunition in army depots, with the aim to minimize the risk of uncontrolled explosions are as follows:

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STANAG 4123, AA,STP-3 - Manual of NATO Safety Principles for the Hazard Classification of Military Ammunition and Explosives

Law Nr. 9272, date 16.09.2004, "On the adherence of the Republic of Albania to the European Agreement "On international road transport of dangerous items (ADR) and the signature protocol".

National standards on management, storage and administration of weapons, ammunition and explosives approved by the Minister of Defence and the Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces, as set out in technical rules and regulations, manuals, respective orders and instructions.

The Armed Forces for the safe transport of ammunition are based on legal acts, disposition and administrative acts as follows:

1. Law nr.8374, date 01.12.1992, "The Road Code of the Republic of Albania".
2. Law nr.8308, date 13.03.1998, "On the road transport".
3. Law nr.9272, date 16.09.2004, " on the adherence of the Republic of Albania to the european agreement "On international road transport of dangerous items (ADR) and the signature protocol".
4. Law nr. 9126, date 29.07.2003, "On the civilian use of explosive charges in the Republic of Albania".
5. Orders and instructions of the Minister of Defence and the Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces.
  - Collection (tracing of arms and ammunition) is authority of the State Police. The Armed Forces are responsible of storing the weapons and ammunition handed over by the State Police.
  - Measures and Procedures for lab and firing tests of ammunition are as follows:
    1. The test of chemical stability of the propellant with HPTLC
    2. Physical-chemical sensitivity tests of the firing primers.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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**FORM C: Legislation**Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

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

High Contracting Party: ALBANIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013  
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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 2013

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: 2013

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

1. On 11 November 1999, Law No.8547 on the Ratification of the Convention "On Ban of Use, Storage, Production and Transfer of the APM and their Destruction" was passed in the Republic of Albania. This law brought into legal force the obligations of Albania in terms of the Ottawa Convention.
2. Decree No. 24188 dated 23.11.1999, of the President of the Republic of Albania implemented Law No.8547.
3. Decision of the Council of Ministers No.269, dated 25.05.2000 "On Ban of Use, Storage, Production and Transfer of the APM and their Destruction".
4. Order of the Minister of Defense No.140 dated 23.04.2001 "On Destruction of the APM recorded in the inventory of the Albanian Armed Forces", initiated the Albanian APM Stockpile Destruction Programme.
5. The Law no. 9315, date 18.04.2006 on "The implementation of the convention on the Ban of use, storage, production and transfer of the anti-personnel mines and their destruction" approved by the Parliament.

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

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**FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance**Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

*(a) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;"*

High Contracting Party: ALBANIA

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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: 2013

additional information on 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: 2013

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

During the implementation of the Mine Action Programme in Albania, a great benefit has been drawn from cooperation and share of expertise at technical level in particular within the region of Southeast Europe through structures like the SEEMACC - South East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council, the Regional Mine Detection Dogs Centre, the International Trust Fund of Slovenia or other regional initiatives such as the RASR - Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction, the RACVIAC, etc.  
The cooperation in framework of these structures or initiatives has been essential for ensuring sharing of valuable information, technical expertise and resources as well as considerable funding support not only for clearance operations but also in the significant areas of victim assistance and risk education. In addition, the coordination and monitoring mine action structure (AMAE) has cooperated bilaterally in joint initiatives with several mine action centers such as: Montenegro, Kosovo and Bosnia- Herzegovina.

**International technical assistance:**

International organizations such as the OICHD, the ICRC, UNMAS, Institute of Rehabilitation Slovenia etc. have supported the programme with specific technical expertise in various areas such as Information Management, mine action legislation, victim assistance, technical standards, etc.

**Any other relevant information:**

N/A

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FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 4 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(e) Other relevant matters."

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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: 2013

additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

Other relevant matters:

N/A