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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 “Reporting Forms” of the CCW on the PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR (Protocol V) for the Federal Republic of Germany.

Reported Period: 1 January – 31 December 2012.

The publication of the CCW Compliance Mechanisms on the UN website would be appreciated.

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.

Geneva, 22 March 2013



United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
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GENEVA

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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)

HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: GERMANY
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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: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

Germany is not an ERW affected country.
In theatres of operations, German Federal Armed Forces do not exercise control of the territory.
Thus no special steps had to be taken to implement the obligations for clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war on a national level.

Any other relevant information:

none

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

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

In the reporting period German Federal Armed Forces were part of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Protocol V does not apply to explosive remnants of war in Afghanistan because this State is not a party to Protocol V.

However, in the ISAF Regional Command North area of operation information on the use of explosive ordnance are recorded in battle damage reports which are being archived by the respective headquarters.

These reports contain:

- the coordinates of areas targeted using explosive ordnance
- the approximative number of explosive ordnance used in these areas
- the type and nature of explosive ordnance used in these areas
- the results (success/failure) of the use of explosive ordnance
- the nature of detection of explosive ordnance used in these areas (e.g. on the ground; full motion video)
- the general location of unexploded ordnance

Whenever combat actions occur, they will be recorded in the regional commands mission journal. The information will be provided to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

Any other relevant information:

none

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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: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

Precautions aimed at the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and and effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation conducted by German Federal Armed Forces.

In the reporting period, the German Federal Armed Forces were part of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Protocol V does not apply to explosive remnants of war in Afghanistan, as it is not a State party to Protocol V.

The civilian population very often informs our patrols about a discovery of unexploded ordnance. If deemed necessary, the EOD- personnel intervenes. There is a continuous information exchange between the civilian population, ANSF and ISAF.

It is a basic principle of the UNSC mandate for ISAF (protection of the civilian population), whenever explosive ordnance or unexploded ordnance are detected, they are reported to the tactical operations centre and removed immediately by explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams.

Any other relevant information:

none

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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: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Precautions aimed at the protection of humanitarian missions and organisations from the effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation conducted by German Federal Forces

In the reporting period, the German Federal Armed Forces were part of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Protocol V does not apply to explosive remnants of war in Afghanistan, as it is not a State party to Protocol V.

In the reporting period, humanitarian missions or organisations and Afghan authorities/agencies have not requested information on the location of ERW from the German Federal Armed Forces operating in Afghanistan.

Any other relevant information:

none

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

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

Germany as a High Contracting Party of Protocol V of the CCW has provided assistance in dealing with problems posed by existing ERW where necessary and feasible.

Germany generally does not distinguish between mines and ERW when providing assistance to other states with both a landmine and ERW problem. In 2011, Germany funded 39 projects within 24 countries with a total amount of EUR 15,681 Mill.

In the reporting period, the following projects with a primary focus on ERW clearance were undertaken by Germany:

Iraq	Total	€ 239,235.00
•	Mines Advisory Group (MAG); Mine and UXO Clearance	€ 239,235.00
Laos	Total	€ 1,245,735.00
•	UNDP, UXO LAO; UXO Clearance	€ 250,000.00
•	SODI e.V.; UXO Clearance	€ 995,735.00
Libya	Total	€°160,534.00
•	Foundation Swiss Deminage (FSD); Battle Area Clearance	€160,534.00
Lebanon	Total	€ 499,072.00
•	Mine's Advisory Group (MAG); UXO and Mine Clearance	€ 499,072.00
Palau	Total	€°136,633.22
•	Cleared Ground demining CGD; ERW Clearance	€ 136,633.22
Serbia	Total	€°90,000.00
•	International Trust Fund for demining and Victims Assistance (ITF)	€ 90,000.00
Vietnam	Total	€ 860,823.00
•	Solidaritätsdienst International (SODI); UXO Clearance	€ 860,823.00

Any other relevant information:

none

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FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

Germany as a High Contracting Party of Protocol V of the CCW has provided assistance in dealing with problems posed by existing ERW where necessary and feasible. Germany generally does not distinguish between mines and ERW when providing assistance to other High Contracting Parties with both landmine and ERW problem. Most assistance by Germany contains a Mine and ERW Risk Education component

In the reporting period Germany has supported the following projects which focussed primarily on Victim Assistance and Risk Education:

Colombia

Establishment of the Orthopedic Technique Branch
at the Don-Bosco-School, implemented by CIM, € 55,000.00

Establishment of a training course for Orthopedic Technicians
according to IPSO II, implemented by CIM, € 95,000.00

Laos

Victim Assistance (Primary Education, Water supply
etc.) implemented by the German NGO SODI e.V., € 63,615.00

Vietnam

Victim Assistance (Health centres etc.)
implemented by the German NGO SODI e.V € 69,045.00

Any other relevant information:

none

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

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High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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

none

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

none

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

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:

German Federal Armed Forces are instructed to take all generic preventive measures aimed at minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war with regard to the use of and the production or procurement of explosive ordnance in order to achieve the highest possible reliability.

German Federal Armed Forces are instructed to procure only explosive ordnance with the highest possible standard of reliability, serviceability and safety design requirements.

Every step in the procurement process is registered, controlled and documented.

A new explosive ordnance type is introduced in the German Federal Armed Forces after the successful completion of a series of national tests. Each explosive ordnance must be type-qualified before use and complies with the guidelines for Insensitive Munition. Depending on the type of the explosive ordnance, testing is carried out at regular intervals.

Handling and storage of explosive ordnance is regulated by national policies and procedures.

Any other relevant information:

none

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

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012
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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

All soldiers of the German Federal Armed Forces receive instructions in international humanitarian law. This training is conducted in the military units by superiors and legal advisers and at the German Federal Armed Forces Schools and Academies by law scholars.

Measures dealing with the clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war, as well as the recording, retaining and transmission of any information are part of the individual military training.

Any other relevant information:

none

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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Any other relevant information:

Germany has signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo on 3 December 2008 and deposited the instrument of ratification at the United Nations Office in New York on July 8, 2009.