The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the CCW Implementation Support Unit, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), and has the honour to submit Switzerland’s 2011 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 the Secretary General for circulating this annual report to all High Contracting Parties.

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 30 March 2012

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# SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V

**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** SWITZERLAND

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

| Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW | changed □ | unchanged □  | [last reporting year: ( )] |
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| Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information | changed □ | unchanged □  | [last reporting year: ( )] |
|  | □ non applicable | |
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| Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance | changed □ | unchanged □  | [last reporting year: ( )] |
|  | □ non applicable | |
| Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures | changed □ | unchanged □  | [last reporting year: ( )] |
|  | □ non applicable | |
| Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance | changed □ | unchanged □  | [last reporting year: ( )] |
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1 Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V, this cover page could be used as a complement to submitting the detailed reporting forms adopted at the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V in case there is no substantial change in the ERW situation, as a result of a conflict or of the measures undertaken in compliance with the provisions of Protocol V, and when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports.
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:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ H ☐ I ☐
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:  01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

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

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A
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

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

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
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

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:
N/A

Any other relevant information:
N/A
FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

The Swiss policy on Mine Action follows a holistic approach that bases on all relevant regimes; it addresses the negative impact of mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW), including cluster munitions. The Mine Action Strategy of the Swiss Confederation for the period 2008-2011 outlines the relevant aspects of Switzerland’s contribution to mine action and the disposal of explosive remnants of war.

Switzerland’s overall expenditure in the field of humanitarian demining amounted to about CHF 16 million per year. These efforts also include ERW-projects, victim assistance and contributions to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

In 2011, Switzerland has spent about CHF 6 million supporting concrete projects for mine action / ERW in affected countries (e.g. BiH, Burundi, Colombia, Kosovo, Laos, Niger, Sudan, Somaliland). Priority areas were clearance, mine risk education and clearance.

CHF 1.8 million have been spent for the assignment of personnel.

The Swiss contribution furthermore includes the funding of the GICHD with a total amount of around CHF 8 million in 2011. The financing primarily supported the running of the centre, the development of the information management system (IMSMA) and its continued distribution, as well as the development and implementation of international mine action standards and their translation into national standards. Many of the activities of the GICHD serve mutatis mutandis also in the implementation of the provisions of CCW Protocol V.

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

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

N/A

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:
N/A

Any other relevant information:
N/A
FORM I: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011

Any other relevant information:

N/A