CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INiscriminATE EFFECTS
(CCW)

Reporting Formats
pursuant to the Decision of the Third 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: REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

PARTY TO:

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

ACCEDED TO:

x amended Article I

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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;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

Information to the armed forces

Seminars and workshops on International Humanitarian Law and other international rules governing armed conflicts are regularly organised for military personnel of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

During pre-mission training these topics are also introduced to the militaries selected for international peace operations and missions. The Military Academy has courses on officers’ professional ethics, international law, international humanitarian law and other international rules governing the armed conflict. A number of training programmes on this subject are also included into curriculum of the Non-Commissioned Officers School.

National Society of the Red Cross provides lectures on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, International Committee of the Red Cross, Red Cross Emblem and the Lithuanian Red Cross Society to the militaries leaving for international peace operations and missions.

Together with other relevant information on international humanitarian law, texts of international instruments of international humanitarian law are available at the libraries of military establishments.

Information to the civilian population

The Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law is an advisory body to the Minister of National Defence established in 2001 that coordinates dissemination of international humanitarian law and related topics.

Among other activities the Commission also organises national and international seminars, courses and workshops on international humanitarian law and related topics for militaries and civil servants.

The subject of international humanitarian law is included in education programmes of all levels of military, police personnel, it is also optional course in the Law faculties of the leading universities as well as in the Institute of International Relations and Political Science.

The national Red Cross Society also participates in providing information and organising courses, seminars and workshops on international humanitarian law to the representatives of the armed forces and general public.

All information related to implementation of the international humanitarian law in Lithuania is placed on the website of the responsible authority – the Ministry of National Defence (www.kam.lt). Texts of international humanitarian law documents ratified by the Republic of Lithuania, including CCW and its Protocols, can also be accessed at the Seimas (Parliament) website: (http://www3.lrs.lt/dokpaieska/forma_1.htm).
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: Republic of Lithuania

Legislation

CCW and its protocols were ratified by the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania by adoption of relevant laws:

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Criminal liability. Article 112 of the Lithuanian Penal code foresees punishment of 3 to 10 year of imprisonment for using or giving an order to use means or methods of warfare, which are prohibited by international treaties or international customs.

Explosive Remnants of War. In 2007, the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of ERWs and the Plan of Implementing Measures for the Programme for the years 2007-2018 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The Programme sets the objective to ensure that ERWs are found, their potential threat to people prevented and adverse effects to private and public activities minimised. The tasks to be carried out for the attainment of this objective include: examination and evaluation of the threat, drafting and amending relevant legislation, carrying out of clearance and cooperation with international community.

On 29 January 2008, the Minister of National Defence approved the Implementation Framework of the Programme.

Marking and clearance activities started in summer 2008. In the end of 2009, over 34 hectares of polluted territories have been checked by the Lithuanian Armed Forces. Over 2 600 pieces of different explosives (mortar, anti-vehicle mines, shells, grenades etc.) have been found.

Full text of the Programme and the Plan of Implementing measures is available on-line:

Full text of the Implementation Framework is available on-line:
Form D  Technical co-operation 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;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

International co-operation and assistance:

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<td>De-mining and Unexploded Ordnance UXO clearance, province of Ghowr, Afghanistan</td>
<td>Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>In kind</td>
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<td>Support to the activities related to implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty</td>
<td>Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining</td>
<td>May 2009</td>
<td>15 000 LTL (6 557,38 CHF)</td>
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<td>Explosive remnants of war clearance and medical rehabilitation support to Georgia project (Georgia III)</td>
<td>NATO / NAMSA</td>
<td>December 2009</td>
<td>61 000 LTL (18 500 EUR)</td>
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<td>Mine and UXO Clearance Project in Afghanistan</td>
<td>United Nations Mine Action Service</td>
<td>December 2009</td>
<td>11 500 LTL (5 000 USD)</td>
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International efforts on ERWs and antipersonnel landmines

In November 2008, the Second Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW Protocol V appointed Lithuania to act as a Coordinator on Clearance issues. at the 2009 Experts meeting.

During its tenure, Lithuania focused on the following issues: (i) priority setting under Article 3 (Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW); (ii) responsibilities of the user of explosive ordinances under Article 4 (Recording, retaining and transmission of information); (iii) responsibilities of the State party in control of ERW-contaminated territory; and (iv) environmental impact of ERW clearance.

In November 2009, the Third Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW Protocol V endorsed the recommendations by the Coordinator, decided to continue discussions in 2010 and appointed Lithuania to serve as Coordinator for an additional one year term.

At the Cartagena Summit on a Mine Free World on 29 November – 4 December 2009 Lithuania was appointed the Co-Rapporteur of the Standing Committee for Stockpile Destruction. Lithuania has already acted in this capacity in 2005 and was a co-chair of the Committee in 2006.