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

PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR
(PROTOCOL V)

SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: _________________IRELAND__________________

REPORTING PERIOD: _____01/01/07_______ to _____31/12/07__________
(dd/mm/yyyy)    (dd/mm/yyyy)

| Form A | Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
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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: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| 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 ERW | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| 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 | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| Form E | Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| Form F | Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| Form G | Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| Form H | Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |
| Form I | Other Relevant Matters | □ changed  
         | □ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)  
         | X non applicable |

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

X 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: IRELAND……………………………………

Reporting for time period from …..01.01.2007………….. To …31.01.2007……………………

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Ireland is not a country affected by ERW and has no other territories under its control nor has it used explosive ordnance in another territory.

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: ………..IRELAND…………………………

Reporting for time period from ………..01/01/07… to ………..31/12/07………………

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

In the Defence Forces Officers and NCOs are educated in the recording retention and transmission of information concerning the use of explosive ordnance or the abandonment of explosive ordnance. Ireland has not abandoned explosive ordnance in any territory nor has it used explosive ordnance whereby there was any possibility of it becoming ERW.

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: ……………IRELAND……………………..

Reporting for time period from………… 01/01/07… to …………31/12/07………………

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

Ireland is not affected by ERW. However when the Irish Defence Forces are serving in peace support missions in ERW affected countries they take all feasible precautions to protect the civilian population from the risks of ERW, including risk education campaigns, marking, fencing and monitoring.

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: ……………IRELAND……………………..

Reporting for time period from………… 01/01/07… to …………31/12/07……………

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

Ireland is not a country affected by ERW. However when the Irish Defence Forces are serving in ERW affected countries they liase with and assist humanitarian missions and organisations with regard to the location and clearance of ERW.

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: ……………IRELAND……………………

Reporting for time period from………… 01/01/07… to …………31/12/07……………

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Ireland provides Military Personnel to territories affected by ERW as advisors and technical experts on search and clearance of ERW. The Irish Government also provides funding to Aid agencies working in ERW affected territories. In 2007, the total contributed was €5.1 million, over 11 countries.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: ……………IRELAND……………………

Reporting for time period from……….. 01/01/07… to …………31/12/07………………

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

Ireland provides Military Personnel to territories affected by ERW as advisors and technical experts on search and clearance of ERW. The Irish Government also provides funding to Aid agencies working in ERW affected territories. In 2007, the total contributed was €5.1 million, over 11 countries.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: ...............IRELAND........................

Reporting for time period from........... 01/01/07… to ..........31/12/07..............

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

Irish Defence Forces take all feasible generic preventive measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Technical Annex, aimed at minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war. Ireland endeavours to procure only munitions and weapons with the highest possible reliability and safety design requirements.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: ……………IRELAND……………………..

Reporting for time period from………… 01/01/07…….. to …………31/12/07………………

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

Ireland has recently established a National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, which includes representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Defence Forces, and which will examine all aspects of IHL implementation including Protocol V.

Any other relevant information

N/A
FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: ...............IRELAND..........................

Reporting for time period from...........01/01/07… to ..........31/12/07.............

Any other relevant information