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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 2013 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 CCW Implementation Support Unit for circulating this annual report to all High Contracting Parties.

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CCW Implementation Support Unit the assurances of its highest consideration. 

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**SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V¹**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: SWITZERLAND

REPORTING PERIOD: 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2013)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2013)] <input type="checkbox"/> 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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**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

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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: SWITZERLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

N/A Switzerland is not an ERW affected country

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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

The Federal Constitution and the Law on the Armed Forces assign the following three missions to the armed forces:

- (1) Defence
- (2) Support of civilian authorities
- (3) Peace support

The Swiss Armed Forces use explosive ammunition for training purposes. The use is recorded both manually and electronically (i.e. by the computer-based information system of the army (FIS Heer), or computer-based command and fire control systems of the artillery (INTAFF)). Furthermore, the respective provisions of the CCW and its annexed protocols are integrated in the relevant field manuals.

In the contribution to peace support, the Swiss Armed Forces do not use any explosive ammunition. Based on national laws, Swiss military personnel in peace operations is either armed for self-protection with non-explosive ammunition (in 2013 in KFOR and EUFOR Althea) or is unarmed, as the Military Act forbids the participation of the Swiss Armed Forces in peace enforcement.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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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: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013

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

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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: SWITZERLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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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: SWITZERLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

(Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants or war is part of Switzerland's contribution to international cooperation and assistance. Please refer to Form F for further information.)

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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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:

[Based on the Annual Report of Switzerland for the CCW Convention and its annexed Protocols for the year 2013]

International co-operation and assistance provided: In 2013, Switzerland attributed more than CHF 17 million to mine action, which includes the engagements in regard to international co-operation and assistance. Due to well-known practical reasons, the attribution to activities addressing the threat posed by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and other ERWs cannot always be clearly separated and quantified.

Switzerland's engagement in international co-operation and assistance is based on the Mine Action Strategy of the Swiss Confederation 2012-2015, which defines a whole of government approach to, all activities in regard to address the threats posed by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war on policy as well as on operational level.

On that basis, Switzerland provides assistance to mine / cluster munitions / ERW affected countries in terms of funds, material and personnel:

- The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) supports clearing-projects, projects integrating mine action into development, risk awareness campaigns and victim assistance projects mainly through financial contributions in priority countries such as: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Kosovo, Laos or Libya for about CHF 5.9 million.
- The FDFA also provides substantial political and financial support to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD): in the reporting period, Switzerland contributed about CHF 8.9 million to the GICHD, which acts as a facilitator, strategic adviser, research body and think tank in the field of Mine Action (including ERW). The Implementation Support Unit (ISU), which serves the States Parties to the APMBC, is hosted by the GICHD with considerable in-kind contributions from Switzerland (about CH 0.5 million per annum).
- In addition, the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) is providing experts for Mine Action Programmes by the UN on a voluntary basis. Switzerland

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supports UN-Mine Action programmes with specialists in the fields of logistics, finance, administration and information management as well as with EOD specialists. During the reporting period January 2013 to December 2013, Swiss Mine Action specialists were deployed to programs in, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Somaliland/Puntland, South Sudan, UNOPS and UNMAS HQ in New York and Western Sahara. During the reporting period, CHF 2.6 million have been spent for the assignment of personnel. The DDPS further developed and updated its specific training courses for future experts to be sent to international Mine Action Programs.

- Furthermore, the DDPS offers EOD systems. This offer includes not only the material but also training and support (follow-up deliveries may take place upon request). During the reporting period January to December 2013, no request for a delivery was submitted. Among the material provided by the DDPS to international Mine Action Programs, SM EOD-Systems are the most prominent items.

Since 2000 Switzerland has been offering international training courses on the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) via the channels of the Partnership for Peace Program (PfP). Having revised the courses in 2009, Switzerland now annually offers a series of courses in different fields of mine action. In the reporting period, two courses were offered by the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) at the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) with the following topics: "Civil-Military Cooperation / Ammunition Safety and Stockpile Management" and "Quality Management in Mine Action". The courses took place in October 2013 in Geneva.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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Any other relevant information:

In the context of explosive remnants of war, including explosive remnants of cluster munitions, Switzerland has signed and ratified the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The instruments of ratification were deposited on 17 July 2012; the Convention entered into force for Switzerland on 1 January 2013.

The ratification is reflected in the necessary amendments of the Federal Act on War Material (articles 8a, 8b and 8c as well as articles 35a and 35b) (see: http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/514_51/index.html).