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Permanent Mission of Austria
to the United Nations in Geneva

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The Permanent Mission of Austria presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and has the honor to herewith transmit the **Austrian national reports for the reporting year 2013 concerning the CCW Compliance Report, the Amended Protocol II National Report and the Protocol V National Report.**

The Permanent Mission of Austria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 1 April 2014



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AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES,
BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED
TO THE 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
(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)**

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of AUSTRIA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: _____

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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 Dissemination of information

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and
to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2013

dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31/12/2013

dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

The information given in last year's report remains valid. Austria considers that there is no further need for specific implementation measures flowing from the contents of amended protocol II with regard to antipersonnel landmines and booby traps, in view of the implementation of the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of antipersonnel mines (Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 13/1997). The destruction of stockpiles of antipersonnel landmines was completed in Austria in 1995 and the use of booby traps was prohibited by Federal Act (see also remarks under Form D). All existing regulations with regard to the provisions of amended protocol II had been corrected by the end of 1999. Instruction and training of soldiers is going on and encompasses active personnel as well as non-active personnel when activated temporarily for routine military activities.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

See report from last year. Since amended protocol II has been transformed into Austrian law and published accordingly, the information is available to the civilian population.

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Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (b)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

Austria has not recently been affected by mines, booby traps and alike. However, occasionally unexploded ordnance, mines and alike left over from World War II are being detected and destroyed on Austrian territory.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

During the reporting period, no person in Austria became a victim of mines, booby traps or other similar devices. Notwithstanding, social security and rehabilitation measures are readily available should an accident occur.

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Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (c)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

Remark:

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

See last year's report. The Austrian Armed Forces do not possess mines, booby traps or other devices not in compliance with the technical provisions of the protocol or which could violate other existing international treaties. The Austrian Armed Forces will under no circumstance use improvised explosive devices, which are not in compliance with the technical provisions of the protocol. The Austrian Armed Forces are prepared to record and mark locations of any weapon covered by the protocol in accordance with their respective provisions.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Austria did not request deferment of compliance with respect to Art. 2.c. and 3.c. of the technical annex. There is no information available about Austrian companies producing weapons that are not in compliance with the provisions of amended protocol II or which would violate other international treaty obligations of Austria.

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Form D **Legislation**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (d)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

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LEGISLATION:

Amended Protocol II was transformed into Austrian law. It entered into force nationally on January 27, 1999 and is published in Federal Law Gazette III Nr. 17/1999. In addition, the following legal instruments are among those applicable in Austria with regard to the use of certain conventional weapons:

- national law on the ban of antipersonnel landmines (Federal Law Gazette I No. 13/1997);
- Anti-personnel landmine ban convention (Federal Law Gazette I No. 38/1999);
- national law on the ban of blinding laser weapons (Federal Law Gazette I No. 4/1998);
- the Cluster Munition Convention (Federal Law Gazette III Nr. 82/2010).

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Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository [...] on [...]:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Austria is providing assistance to mine action activities through bilateral and multilateral programmes and as a member State of the European Union is supporting mine action activities of the European Union. On a bilateral basis, Austria has contributed during the reporting period to mine clearance, risk education and victim assistance programmes of international organisations or NGO's in the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Lebanon, and Libya. Austria has also supported the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Serving as the Co-Chair on the Antipersonnel Landmine Ban Conventions's Committee on victim assistance, Austria has co-organised and co-financed two international expert seminars on victim assistance in Geneva. Overall, the amount of financial support in the reporting period was approximately € 0.9 million.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

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Form F **Other relevant matters**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (f)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
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(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

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Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearanceArticle 11,
paragraph 2,

“2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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31/12/2013*dd/mm/yyyy**dd/mm/yyyy***MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:****LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:**

As previously reported, in Austria experts for humanitarian demining operations as well as for military mine clearance activities are usually members of the Austrian Armed Forces. About 75 persons are trained in accordance with international practices and standards for such operations. The deployment of such experts is decided strictly on a case by case basis in accordance with the rules regulating the operation of members of the Austrian Armed Forces abroad in accordance with Austrian constitutional and legal requirements. Operation teams can be composed of up to four persons. The following equipment is used for mine clearance: Schiebel AN-19/2, VALLON 1612B, MD 8, Minelab F1A1, Minex FD2. There are several commercial companies in Austria which offer services for demining and UXO clearance operations.

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