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Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

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Form D: Legislation:

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Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

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Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:

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**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

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CONTRACTING PARTY: CZECH REPUBLIC

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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

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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;”

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

In addition to promulgation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols in the official journal of valid international treaties binding for the Czech Republic (“Collection of International Treaties” – www.mvcr.cz), these documents are also available to personnel of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic on:

- official web-site of the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic (www.army.cz) where they are included in the documentary database of the International Law Department;**
- the internal communication net of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (ŠIS) where they are included in the documentary database of the International Law Department.**

In order to prevent its violations, the content of Amended Protocol II and technical annexes is covered by military instructions and operating procedures. Military training includes duties and responsibilities of military personnel to comply with the provisions of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

The Protocol on prohibitions or restrictions on the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices as amended on 3 May 1996 has been promulgated in Czech official journal “Collection of International Treaties” under no. 21/1999 of the Coll.

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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;”

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

Mine clearance programmes - The Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation in the former military zones has been already finished in March 2004.

Based on our experience, Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation can be characterised as a process of search, detection and destruction of ammunition and elements of ammunition in the target and endangered areas of the former fire ranges, and remains of ammunition left or dumped in ammunition dumps, buildings or open terrain. An UXO from Austria-Hungarian period, from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which was based there till 1989, could be found there.

When an UXO is detected by civilians, the population is familiar with the system of reporting to the police who in turn contacts police or army experts for disposal.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

Nothing to report

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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;”

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Nothing to report

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Nothing to report

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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;”

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LEGISLATION:

In accordance with Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than that which a statute provides, the treaty shall apply. That means that the Convention and its annexed Protocols are self-executing in the Czech Republic.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic (no. 140/1961 of the Collection of Laws - www.mvcr.cz) includes paragraph no. 185a, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of one year up to five years.

See also Form A - Dissemination of information

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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
Depositary [...] on [...]:

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

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Nothing to report

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

AFGHANISTAN - International Security Assistance Force, Provincial Reconstruction Team Logar (ISAF, PRT Logar); UXO/AXO clearance; USD 423,000.00

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victim Assistance (ITF); EUR 84,810.00

CROATIA - ITF; EUR 100,000.00

GEORGIA - ITF; USD 227,272.00

KOSOVO - Kosovo Force (KFOR); UXO/AXO clearance and Mine risk education; USD 443,181.00

SERBIA - ITF; EUR 50,000.00

Support of implementation of Ottawa Convention - USD 20,455.00

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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.”

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

On 23rd July 2008 the Military Strategy of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Military Strategy) was approved by the Governmental Resolution, Nr. 907 (www.army.cz). * According the Military Strategy the Czech Republic is ready to actively contribute to military operations that represent the most likely scenario of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Armed Forces) deployment. Within operation tasks related to the conduct of combat activities as well as tasks of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction can be fulfilled successively or simultaneously.**

*** The Military Strategy brings forth a set of basic principles for defence of the state and for development of the Armed Forces and therefore provides a point of reference for formulation of subsequent strategies and policies or may even bring about appropriate legislative changes. The Military Strategy reflects upon the current and future global security environment while building upon security interests and defence as well as foreign policy principles defined in the Security Strategy of the Czech Republic. Furthermore, this document keeps true to the fundamental principles of the NATO's Strategic Concept and Comprehensive Political Guidance, and the EU's European Security Strategy.**

**** The Armed Forces are, for purposes of the Military Strategy, understood in a different perspective than Law no. 219/1999 Coll., on Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (www.mvcr.cz), and they comprise Army of the Czech Republic, Military Police and Military Intelligence.**

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Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 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.”

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

The engineer units of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic are equipped with the Midi-flail mine clearance system BOZENA 5 (hereinafter referred as BOZENA). BOZENA is a tracked mechanical mine clearing machine remotely controlled by a transmitter with a range of 2000 m, meant for clearing AP mines both pressure and tripwire fused and for AT mines up to 9 kg of TNT charged. The system shall be suitable for clearing large mine affected areas. It will mainly be road transported on trailer between working areas.

BOZENA is protected from detonations by an armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal covering, giving protection against damage from detonations.t

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

Nothing to report

NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Nothing to report