

**REPORTING FORMS
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THE DECISION OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTIES TO PROTOCOL V**

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NAME OF STATE PARTY: Republic of Lithuania

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

FORM A Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

Note: According to Article 1, paragraph 4 of the Protocol, Article 3 only applies to Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) other than existing ERW as defined in Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Protocol. ERWs found in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania result from First and Second World Wars as well as pollution of former Soviet military bases, i.e. they existed before entry into force of the Protocol. Therefore all steps taken by the Republic of Lithuania with regard to clearance, removal or destruction of ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure, which does not result from any obligation under the Protocol.

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:

In English, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=312266

Lithuanian, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=297014&p_query=&p_tr2=

Full text of the Implementation Framework is available on-line:

Lithuanian, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=314358&p_query=&p_tr2=

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

Note: According to Article 1, paragraph 4 of the Protocol, Article 4 only applies to Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) other than existing ERW as defined in Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Protocol. ERWs found in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania result from First and Second World Wars as well as pollution of former Soviet military bases, i.e. they existed before entry into force of the Protocol. Therefore all steps taken by the Republic of Lithuania with regard to recording, retaining and transmission of information in ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure, which does not result from any obligation under the Protocol.

Standard procedures for recording, retaining and transmission of information required by this Article are set in the Lithuanian Armed Forces (AF) legislation. They are also an integral part of military regulations/instructions for all international operations in which Lithuanian AF take part.

Lithuanian lead Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Ghor province is part of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Lithuanian AF EOD team in PRT acts according to Guidelines on Neutralisation of Standard Explosive Ordnances and for Carrying out Simulations of Explosions, approved by the Order of the AF Commander on May 2008 and according to ISAF Standard Operational Procedures (SOP).

The use of explosive ordnance by the Lithuanian AF in PRT did not result in Explosive Remnant of War (ERW) or Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). All ERW found in the PRT territory were identified, recorded and destroyed. Detailed reports are retained in the local and regional commands and in the Lithuanian AF.

FORM E Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

International assistance

Lithuanian contribution to international assistance in 2009

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

FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

Any other relevant information

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.