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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)

HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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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: HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

The Hellenic Republic is affected by ERWs that fall outside the scope of the Protocol. ERWs found in the territory of the Hellenic Republic fall under Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Protocol. Thus all steps taken by the Hellenic Republic with regards to clearance, removal or destruction of ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure in the spirit of the Protocol and not as a direct obligation deriving from it. ERWs found in the territory of the Hellenic Republic and thus under its jurisdiction, have resulted from WWI and WWII as well as from the 1946-49 civil war i.e. they existed before entry into force of the Protocol. In dealing with these existing explosive remnants of war, the Hellenic Republic takes necessary, effective and immediate action for clearance, removal, destruction and precaution. The Hellenic Republic does not avail itself of the discretionary right entailed in Article 7 of Protocol V. According to national law (Government Gazette No232 - 15 Noe 1971) only the Hellenic Armed Forces are responsible to survey, record and clear any suspect area in our territory. Consequently, the Hellenic Armed Forces have over the years taken all the necessary measures to minimize the risks and effects of Explosive Remnants of War, through the conduct of extensive surveys, marking and clearing operations of suspect areas, which have subsequently been released for civilian use. All actions taken by our personnel are in compliance with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) developed by the UN in order to improve safety, quality and efficiency in clearance activities. All personnel involved in mining and demining activities are educated and trained in accordance with Allied Explosive Ordnance Device Publication AEODP-10, Edition B, Version 1, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) principles and minimum standards of proficiency. All personnel involved in the removal and destruction of explosive devices is NATO certified and qualified (EOD/IEDD - Improvised Explosive Device Disposal). The clearance, removal and destruction of ERW are reflected in the Standard Operating Procedures and other internal directives of the Hellenic Armed Forces. The EOD personnel as a matter of policy performs mentioned tasks in order to minimize risks for civilian population

Any other relevant information:

During the past decade:

- a. The Hellenic Army released 650 former suspect areas, which correspond to 25,800,000 square meters. The operating budget for such activities slightly exceeds 2,500,000 € annually. Particularly for the reporting period, the Hellenic Army released 77 former suspect areas, which correspond to 1,750,838 square meters.
- b. The Hellenic Navy released 455 former suspect areas, which correspond to 285,700 square meters. The operating budget for such activities slightly exceeds 150.000 € annually. Particularly for the reporting period, the Hellenic Navy released 40 former suspect areas, which correspond to 1.400 square meters.

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

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

The Hellenic Republic is affected by ERWs that fall outside the scope of the Protocol. ERWs found in the territory of the Hellenic Republic fall under Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Protocol. Thus all steps taken by the Hellenic Republic with regards to clearance, removal or destruction of ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure in the spirit of the Protocol and not as a direct obligation deriving from it. The plan of Implementing Measures foresees the following actions with regards to the examination and evaluation of threats posed by ERW in the territory of Hellenic Republic:

- The briefing of an annual basis, of County governors, municipalities officials, Fire Department personnel, Police Department Officers and Hellenic Armed Forces staff, about the territories contaminated with explosive remnants of war (suspect areas), setting the priorities for clearance operations and planning related activities for the following year.
- The Hellenic Armed Forces regularly collects, analyses, documents information and archives materials on suspect areas. On the basis of the information collected, the Hellenic Armed Forces compile and regularly update the maps of suspect areas.
- The Hellenic Armed Forces monitors closely all the suspect areas and updates their marking activities, where necessary, in accordance with relevant international standards. In this respect, an electronic database has been set up, in which all suspect areas are registered and monitored. The responsibility for the recording and retaining of information rests with the Hellenic Armed Forces.

Any other relevant information:

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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

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

The Hellenic Republic is affected by ERWs that fall outside the scope of the Protocol. ERWs found in the territory of the Hellenic Republic fall under Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Protocol. Thus all steps taken by the Hellenic Republic with regards to clearance, removal or destruction of ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure in the spirit of the Protocol and not as a direct obligation deriving from it. Precautions for the protection of civilian population and its respective property, from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war are taken by the Hellenic Armed Forces during ERW clearance operations. The civilian population is taken into account at every step of the planning and execution of the mission. Keeping in mind that the primary responsibility to inform the civilian population and to prevent it from being at risk remains in the hands of the civilian authorities, given that primary responsibility to inform civilian population rests with the civilian. In this undertaking, the Hellenic Armed Forces will transmit as much possible information to the local authorities on identified contaminated areas.

Practical directives:

- Ammunition will be stored according to procedures;
- No unused ammunition will be left in the field;
- Unexploded ordnance will be reported to the competent authorities;
- When clearing, removing or destructing ERW, EOD specialists of the Hellenic Armed Forces provide protection for the civilian population by means of protective structures, smart explosive techniques and ordering deviations or evacuations.

Any other relevant information:

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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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

There are no humanitarian missions and organizations operating within the territory of the Hellenic Republic.

Any other relevant information:

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FORM E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

The Hellenic Republic does not seek assistance with regard to problems posed by ERW.

Any other relevant information:

FORM E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

Not applicable

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

Hellas offers, free of charge, health treatment through its National health System to any person injured by ERW.

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

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

The Hellenic Republic has done its utmost to fulfil its obligations as indicated in the technical annex of Protocol V. The existing munitions are managed and stockpiled in a manner that fully ensures the reliability of munitions.

Any other relevant information:

Measures regarding the clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war, as well as the recording, retaining and transmission of any information are part of individual military training of military personnel.

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

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- Seminars and workshops on International Humanitarian Law and other international rules governing armed conflicts, including the Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War, are regularly organised for the instructors and Officers of the Hellenic Armed Forces
- During pre-mission training these topics are also introduced to the Officers selected for international peace support operations and missions. Currently, a number of training programmes on this subject is introduced to the curriculum of the Hellenic Military Academy and the Career Non-commissioned Officers School.
- The text of the Protocol can be accessed in Greek, both in National Gazette (No 199A' - 24 Sep 14) and the Parliament website (www.hellenicparliament.gr/Nomothetiko-Ergo/Anazitisi-Nomothetikou-Ergou?law_id=79f487c0-c49f-452e-af05-a650f041dafa).

Any other relevant information:

Measures regarding the clearance, removal or destruction of ERW as well as the recording, retaining and transition are part of the individual military training and the main part of the training of EOD field operators and EOD commanders at all levels, and therefore will not cause great changes to courses of action. In fact, the voluntary measures mentioned in the technical annex of ERW improve and clarify current practices.

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FORM H: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

The Protocol entered into force for Hellenic Republic on 21 Apr, 2015.
Hellenic Republic was in compliance with provisions of the Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (Protocol V) already at the moment it was ratified by the parliament.