
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)

Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2,
pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document,
CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY	<u>Republic of Lithuania</u>
DATE OF SUBMISSION	<u>2010</u>
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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

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

- Form A:** Dissemination of information: changed
 unchanged
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed
 unchanged
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
 unchanged
- Form D:** Legislation: changed
 unchanged
- Form E:** International technical information exchange,
co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation
and assistance: changed
 unchanged
- Form F:** Other relevant matters: changed
 unchanged
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on
mine clearance: changed
 unchanged
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Form D Legislation

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (d) Depository ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	Republic of Lithuania	reporting for time period from	01/01/2009	to	31/12/2009
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Lithuania is a mine free country, therefore no specific mine clearance programmes are required. However, there is a certain degree of contamination by explosive remnants of war (ERW). Engineering battalion of the Lithuanian Armed Forces is tasked to clear and destroy the explosives.

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

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository
13 / 4 / e ... 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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Party Lithuania period from 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009

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)

International efforts on ERWs and antipersonnel landmines

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.

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.
