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: United States of America

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☒ YES
☐ NO
☐ Partially, only the following forms:

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ H ☐ I ☐
FORM A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: \[01/10/2016\] to \[30/09/2017\]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

No changes

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

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017

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

No changes

Any other relevant information:
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

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017

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

No changes

Any other relevant information:
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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High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

No changes

Any other relevant information:

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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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 U.S. Department of State’s Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement’s (PM/WRA) Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) program responds to the humanitarian, social, and economic effects generated by all manner of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and at-risk arms and munitions that are surplus, obsolete, poorly secured, or otherwise at risk. CWD activities include humanitarian mine action, battle area clearance, clearance of ERW, destruction of small arms, light weapons, and munitions (including at-risk man-portable air defense systems—MANPADS), and physical security and stockpile management assistance. Our assistance program includes projects to exist ERW (Article 7) dating as far as back as World War II.

PM/WRA finances this program with funds appropriated annually from the State Department’s Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining, and Related Programs (NADR) Conventional Weapons Destruction sub-account. In Fiscal Year 2016, U.S. assistance totaled $179.5 million for all CWD activities and is projected to provide $266.5 million in Fiscal Year 2017 funds. The U.S. Government works closely with other governments, non-governmental organizations, and private companies to address the threats described above.

Clearance programs included both existing ERW (Article 7) and ERW cleared under Article 8, many times in the same program. Sometimes ERW is addressed in conjunction with landmine clearance. In Fiscal Year 2017, U.S. assistance supported ERW clearance in: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, the Marshall Islands, Mozambique, Palau, Serbia, Senegal, the Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, and the Palestinian Territories.

In addition to ERW clearance, PM/WRA supported activities that prevent future contamination, providing funding for improvements to government weapons storage facilities in Albania, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkin Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Croatia, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Kenya, the Kyrgyz Republic, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Peru, Rwanda, Serbia, Somalia, Tanzania, Tajikistan, Uganda, and Ukraine. By helping countries secure their stockpiles, the United States helps to prevent the proliferation of conventional weapons and munitions, the latter of which might be at risk of becoming ERW, thus supporting the goals of Protocol V.

The United States also supports the destruction of aging and at-risk stockpiles of munitions. Most of these munitions are unlikely to function as intended for a variety of reasons. Destroying these munitions prevents them from exploding unintentionally or from becoming ERW as a result of malfunction during use. Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkin Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, the Kyrgyz Republic, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Peru, Serbia, Somalia, Tanzania, Tajikistan, and Ukraine are States where the United States supported munitions destruction programs.

The State Department maintains a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to address immediate post-conflict and post-depot explosion clearance and other requests related to addressing ERW. In Fiscal Year 2017, the QRF deployed to Serbia and Ukraine to conduct physical security and stockpile management assessments and to help mitigate the chance of unplanned explosions at munitions sites. The QRF also deployed to the Federated States of Micronesia to conduct an ERW survey and assessment that helped lay the groundwork for economic and infrastructure development projects.

The Patrick J. Leahy War Victims Fund, managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), serves...
as an important source of U.S. assistance to civilian victims of conflict in developing countries. Established in 1989, the Leahy War Victims Fund maintains a dedicated source of financial and technical support for people with disabilities, particularly those who sustain mobility-related injuries from anti-personnel landmines, unexploded ordnance, and other injuries resulting from armed conflict and civil disorder. To date, the Leahy War Victims Fund has provided $260 million in assistance to more than 50 countries.

Originally tasked with delivering immediate care, the Leahy War Victims Fund widened its scope of activities to include development programs that accommodate the changing needs of the populations they serve, and support for the establishment of a framework for sustainable services in developing countries. The fund also contributes to the development and enforcement of international standards to ensure that practitioners who provide care to survivors are qualified and experienced. In addition, the Leahy War Victims Fund ensures that treatment and equipment are used appropriately and effectively to increase the mobility of conflict-affected people with disabilities.

In Fiscal Year 2017, the Leahy War Victims Fund initiated new activities in Laos and Georgia. The Fund continued support for regional activities in the Middle East (Jordan, Lebanon, and West Bank/Gaza) and in Francophone West Africa (Mali, Niger, and Senegal), as well as in Burma, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Nepal, Ukraine, and Tajikistan. In partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the World Health Organization, initiatives spanning multiple countries provided direct assistance to individuals affected by conflict, trained service providers, supported the development of international standards related to rehabilitation and assistive technology, and increased access to appropriate assistive devices.

Moreover, through the congressionally mandated Wheelchair Program, USAID dedicated $5 million to increase access to appropriate wheelchairs for individuals in need, including those disabled as a result of ERW. The funds supported ongoing activities in Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, India, Romania, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. USAID also supported efforts to strengthen the capacity of wheelchair service providers and to improve the supply and provision of appropriate wheelchairs in less resourced settings.

For more information on U.S. Conventional Weapons Destruction programs, please refer to the latest edition of To Walk the Earth in Safety at https://www.state.gov/r/pa/ps/rls/rapeart2/2017/index.htm

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

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017

[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

Not applicable. The United States is not an affected state. Please see the section on cooperation and assistance for a summary of what we provide to affected states for victim assistance.
Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:
FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

No changes

Any other relevant information:
FORM G: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:
No changes

Any other relevant information:
FORM H: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: United States of America

Reporting for time period from: 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Any other relevant information:

No changes
pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: United States of America

PARTY TO:
- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
- Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 06/04/2018

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
Reporting period: from 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017

Form A: Dissemination of information:
- ☒ changed
- ☐ unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2017)

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:
- ☐ changed
- ☒ unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2011)

Form C: Legislation:
- ☐ changed
- ☒ unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2011)

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
- ☐ changed
- ☒ unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2011)

Form E: Other relevant matters:
- ☐ changed
- ☒ unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2011)

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as “changed” have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;"

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☑️ additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2017

☑️ additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2017

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

No change since the 2011 report

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

For almost two decades, the U.S. Government, through the Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/WRA), has published “To Walk the Earth in Safety,” which details how the United States continues to lead the international donor community in providing assistance for the clearance of landmine and other explosive remnants of war, risk education, survivor assistance, and the destruction of at-risk and unsecured weapons and munitions, by providing more than 2.9 billion in conventional weapons destruction assistance to more than 100 countries since 1993. The 2017 version of this publication (https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ptcma/2017/index.htm) describes the programs and achievements of our Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) efforts. Although this publication in the past referenced only U.S. Government work in humanitarian mine action, it has expanded to detail the comprehensive interagency approach to address explosive remnants of war, at-risk small arms and light weapons, including man-portable air-defense systems (MANPADS), and unsecure or unstable conventional munitions, as well as efforts to increase physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) around the world. This coordinated CWD approach ensures that all of these items will be addressed comprehensively to reduce the humanitarian impact and national security risks.

Any other relevant information:
FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;"

High Contracting Party:

| Reporting period: | from [dd/mm/yyyy] | to [dd/mm/yyyy] |

☐ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 

☐ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

Any other relevant information:
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;"

High Contracting Party: ____________________________

Reporting period: from [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy]

☐ Additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year ____________

☐ Additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year ____________

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

________________________________________________________

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;"

High Contracting Party: ____________________________________________

Reporting period:  from [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy]

☐ additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: [ ]

☐ additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: [ ]

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

__________________________________________________________________________

International technical assistance:

__________________________________________________________________________

Any other relevant information:

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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENSIONAL WEAPONS
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(e) Other relevant matters."

High Contracting Party:

Reporting period: from [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy]

☐ additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

☐ additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Other relevant matters: