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

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

X  YES

□  NO
REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007

Form A: Dissemination of information: X changed
               □ unchanged

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: □ changed
               X unchanged

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: □ changed
               X unchanged

Form D: Legislation: X changed
               □ unchanged

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

Form F: Other relevant matters: X changed
               □ unchanged

Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: □ changed
               X unchanged
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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party  Republic of Lithuania  reporting for time period from 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007

Information to the armed forces

Seminars and workshops on International Humanitarian Law and other international rules governing armed conflicts are regularly organised for the instructors and officers of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

During pre-mission training these topics are also introduced to the military officers selected for international peace operations and missions. The Military Academy has the 58 academic hour courses on officers’ professional ethic, international humanitarian law, law of war and other international rules governing the armed conflict. A number of training programmes on this subject are also included into curriculum of the Military Academy and Non-commissioned Officers School.

Together with other relevant information of International Humanitarian Law, texts of the Protocol are available at the libraries of military establishments.

Information to the civilian population

The Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, an advisory body to the Minister of National Defence established in 2001, coordinates dissemination of information on International Humanitarian Law and related topics.

Among other activities the Commission also organises national and international seminars, courses and workshops on international humanitarian law and related topics for military officers and public servants. The national Red Cross Society also participates in providing information on international humanitarian law to the general public.

All information relating to the implementation of the international humanitarian law in Lithuania is placed on the website of the responsible authority – the Ministry of National Defence (www.kam.lt)
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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party  
Republic of Lithuania  
reporting for time period from 01/01/2007 to 01/01/2007

Legislation

As Lithuania is a mine free country 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.

On 18 April 2007 the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War and the Plan of Implementing Measures for the Programme for the years 2007-2018 was approved by the Resolution No 446 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The Programme explains the origins and current scope of a problem and 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.

Full text of the Programme and the Plan of Implementing measures is available on-line:


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

Article 13 / 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;

Remark:

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International cooperation in mine action for 2007

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<td>De-mining and UXO clearance, province of Ghown, Afghanistan</td>
<td>Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team</td>
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<td>National contribution to the Sponsorship Programme of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)</td>
<td>Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)</td>
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<td>Contribution to support activities of the GICHD Implementation Support Unit</td>
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<td>Leidinio „A Guide to Cluster Munitions“ leidyba; aktyvaus dalyvavimo CM procese patvirtinimas, viešumo priemonė</td>
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<td>Contribution to the organizers of the seminar „Towards an Anti-personnel mine-free South Caucasus – including Abkhazia, South Ossetia, and Nagorno-Karabakh“, Kiev, Ukraine</td>
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<td>Contribution to the Mine and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Clearance Project in Afghanistan</td>
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<td>Clearance of 569 hectares of contaminated land and disposal of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in Azerbaijan</td>
<td>NATO / NAMSA (Partnership for Peace Trust fund)</td>
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**Form F** | **Other relevant matters**
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Article 13 / 4 / f | “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary on:

(f) other relevant matters.

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**Other relevant matters**

Through the year 2007 Lithuania served as a co-rapporteur of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction. At the Jordan Meeting of the States Parties on 18-22 November 2007 Lithuania assumed the position of the co-chair of this Committee.

In those capacities Lithuania, among other responsibilities, attached its utmost effort to facilitate the destruction of vast stockpiles of PFM type mines in neighbouring Belarus and Ukraine by promoting their dialogue with the donors, in particular the European Union and the European Commission.