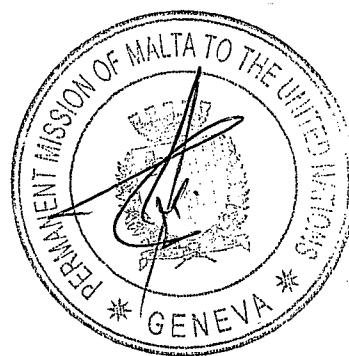


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The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organisations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva and has the honour to enclose the CCW Protocol V Malta National Report covering the period 01/01/2012 – 31/12/2012.

The Permanent Mission of Malta avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 22nd February 2013



The Secretariat
United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs
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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)

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

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: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

The Republic of Malta since gaining its Independence has never been at war or experienced conditions of armed conflict on its territory, strictly by sole virtue of definitions 2 and 5 of Article 2 of the Protocol.

However due to the fact that Malta played an important role in the Second World War, its territory and internal waters are likely to contain further unexploded ordnance (UXO) and existing explosive remnants of war (ERW).

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Troop of the Armed Forces of Malta was set up primarily to deal UXOs and ERWs.

This specifically incorporates the clearance, removal or destruction of any explosives found.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

There were no instances where the Armed Forces of Malta were required to record, retain or transmit information on the use of or abandonment of explosive ordnance in accordance with Article 4 of the said Protocol.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

Since the Republic of Malta has not been engaged in any type of conflict since the Second World War, the Armed Forces of Malta were not required to take steps to implement the said provisions.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Since the Republic of Malta has not been engaged into an armed conflict there was no need to take the required steps to implement the provisions for protection towards humanitarian missions and organisations.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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 Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

The Republic of Malta as a High Contracting Party has always managed to handle the minor scale problem of ERW/UXOs (normally executed by the Armed Forces of Malta Ammo and Explosives, Storage & Disposal Squadron); the recourse of seeking and receiving assistance from other High Contracting Parties, states non-party and relevant international organisations is not required.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

To date the Armed Forces of Malta, does not have the additional resources to provide assistance for the marking and clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war outside the territories of Malta.
The Armed Forces of Malta will review its position on the matter from time to time.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

To date, the Armed Forces of Malta has no record of such victims of ERW.

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

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:

With respect to munitions management, the Armed Forces of Malta takes note of and implements the practices to which the Republic of Malta has expressed its consent to be bound. The Armed Forces of Malta abides by established best practices that are reviewed periodically and ensure that, the relevant provisions of the Technical Annex of Protocol V are met.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

The Armed Forces of Malta makes sure that those personnel directly involved in ERW/UXO recovery and disposal, are issued with appropriate instructions, operating procedures and receive training consistent with the relevant provisions of this Protocol.
Furthermore, soldiers from the Armed Forces of Malta, who participate in Peace Support Operations abroad, shall be briefed on the core issue and practices of Protocol V.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: Republic of Malta

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has no further relevant information to report.