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 (CCW)

Reporting Formats
pursuant to the Decision of the Third 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: …CZECH REPUBLIC………

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

ACCEDED TO:
X amended Article I

DATE OF SUBMISSION: …15 OCTOBER 2007…

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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:

(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.

¹ Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different)
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;”

High Contracting Party: ……..CZECH REPUBLIC ………..

Information to the armed forces

In addition to promulgation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols in the official journal of valid international treaties binding for the Czech Republic (“Collection of International Treaties”), these documents are also available to Czech Armed Forces on official web-site of the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic (www.army.cz) where they are included in the documentary database of the International Law Department.

In order to prevent its violations, the content of Protocol II and technical annexes is covered by military instructions and operating procedures. Military training includes duties and responsibilities of military personnel to comply with the provisions of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

Information to the civilian population

The Convention and its Protocols I-IV have been promulgated in Czech official journal "Collection of International Treaties” under no. 21/1999 of the Coll. Amended article I together with Protocol V were after its entry into force for the Czech Republic promulgated under no. 115/2006 of the Coll.

Any other relevant information

Not applicable
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: ………CZECH REPUBLIC ………..

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

Non-detectable mines (44 353 pcs of PP Mi-Na I) not fulfilling the requirements and limitations in accordance with Protocol II were totally destroyed in 1997.

Any other relevant information

Mine clearance programmes -

The Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation (PPS) in MLADA, the former military zone – has been already finished in June 2000;
The Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation (PPS) in RALSKO, the former military zone - has been already finished in March 2004.

Based on our experience, PPS can be characterised as a process of search, detection and destruction of ammunition and elements of ammunition in the target and endangered areas of the former fire ranges, and remains of ammunition left or dumped in ammunition dumps, buildings or open terrain. A UXO from Austria-Hungarian period, from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which was based there till 1989, could be found there.

UXO - UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE
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: ………CZECH REPUBLIC …………

Legislation

In accordance with Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than that which a statute provides, the treaty shall apply. That means that the Convention and its annexed Protocols are self-executing in the Czech Republic.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic (no. 140/1961 of the Collection of Laws) includes paragraph no. 185a, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of one year up to five years.

See Form A - Dissemination of information

Any other relevant information

Not applicable
Form D  Technical co-operation 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: ………CZECH REPUBLIC ………..

International technical co-operation

Nothing to report

International technical assistance

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information

1.
   a) since 1999 – NATO military operation (KFOR, Kosovo Force) – EOD and UXO clearance, 6 troops;

2. The Czech Republic had prepared and used a technology for destruction of the antipersonnel bounding/fragmentation mines PP Mi-Šr II. The equipment used for dismantling operations consists of simple tools for disassembling and auxiliary fixtures mounted on benches or fixed to floor. A single purpose, automatically working electric equipment is used in one operation only. The equipment is operated without from the armoured box.

UXO - UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE
EOD - EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
IEDD - IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DISPOSAL
EDD - EXPLOSIVE DETECTION DOG
Form E   Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(c) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: ………CZECH REPUBLIC ………..

Other relevant matters

Nothing to report