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HOLY SEE

NATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

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: HOLY SEE

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: 18 / 03 / 2015

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

☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐

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

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

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 2013.

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 2013.

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:

Nothing to declare.

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

Nothing to declare.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to declare.
- COMPLIANCE -

SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

Form A: Dissemination of information:
- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2011)

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

Form C: Legislation:
- changed
- unchanged

On 11 July 2013, the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State promulgated Law N. VIII: "Supplementary Norms on Criminal Law Matters". Art 17 (War Crimes) paragraph "n" of the aforementioned Law states that «Whoever, in the course of an armed conflict, whether of an international character or not, commits or orders someone to commit one of the following acts: [...] employing weapons, projectiles and material and methods of warfare which are of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering or which are inherently indiscriminate, in violation of the international law of armed conflict, including bullets which expand or flatten easily in the human body, such as bullets with a hard envelope which does not entirely cover the core or is pierced with incisions, antipersonnel mines and cluster munitions [...] is punished with no less than twenty years imprisonment»

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

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

General Remarks concerning the implementation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols

The Vatican City State - Holy See has never used, stockpiled or produced any sort of conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects which are covered by the Convention and its five annexed Protocols.

There are no such conventional weapons placed on the territory of Vatican City State.

The provisions of the CCW as well as the provisions of its five annexed Protocols have been completely implemented.

The Holy See supports and promotes all activities focusing on a total world-wide elimination of conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects which are covered by the Convention and its five annexed Protocols. The Holy See is undertaking continual efforts to help victims suffering the terrible consequences caused by such weapons.