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: …10 SEPTEMBER 2008…

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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” – www.mvcr.cz), 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.

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

On 23rd July 2008 the Military Strategy of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Military Strategy) was approved by the Governmental Resolution, Nr. 907 (www.army.cz).* According the Military Strategy the Czech Republic is ready to actively contribute to military operations that represent the most likely scenario of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Armed Forces)** deployment. Within operation tasks related to the conduct of combat activities as well as tasks of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction can be fulfilled successively or simultaneously.

* The Military Strategy brings forth a set of basic principles for defence of the state and for development of the Armed Forces and therefore provides a point of reference for formulation of subsequent strategies and policies or may even bring about appropriate legislative changes. The Military Strategy reflects upon the current and future global security environment while building upon security interests and defence as well as foreign policy principles defined in the Security Strategy of the Czech Republic. Furthermore, this document keeps true to the
fundamental principles of the NATO’s Strategic Concept and Comprehensive Political Guidance, and the EU’s European Security Strategy.

** The Armed Forces are, for purposes of the Military Strategy, understood in a different perspective than Law no. 219/1999 Coll., on Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (www.mver.cz), and they comprise Army of the Czech Republic, Military Police and Military Intelligence.
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 in the former military zones has been already finished in March 2004.

Based on our experience, Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation 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 - www.mvcr.cz) 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. Participation of Armed Forces of the Czech Republic in mine clearance operations

AFGHANISTAN
   • ISAF PRT Logar, International Security Assistance Force Provincial Reconstruction Teams (NATO military operation) – 23 troops:
     o UXO and AXO clearance;
     o IEDD clearance.

KOSOVO
   • KFOR, Kosovo Force (NATO military operation) – 18 troops:
     o UXO and AXO clearance;
     o Mine risk education.

2. Support affected countries in 2007

AFGHANISTAN
   • Total amount 18,867,297.00 CZK (1,070,181.34 USD)
   • Support through NATO
   • Type of action  – UXO and AXO clearance
     – IEDD clearance

SERBIA
   • Total amount 1,469,832.00 CZK (83,371.00 USD*)
   • Support through “ITF” (International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance)
   • Type of action  – mine clearance
SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE
- Total amount 530,157.10 CZK (30,071.30 USD*)
- Support through “ITF” (International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance)
- Type of action – mine victim assistance

SOUTH LEBANON
- Total amount 1,000,000.00 CZK (55,199.82 USD)
- Support through “UNDDA” (United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs)
- Type of action – EOD
  – mine action

WORLDWIDE
- Total amount 1,960,000.00 CZK (111,174.13 USD*)
- Support through “GICHD” (Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining)
- Type of action – mine action
- Total amount 40,000.00 CZK (1,971.32 USD)
- Support through “ICBL” (International Campaign to Ban Landmines)
- Type of action – coordination (2007 Landmine monitor publication)

*While the amounts in bold letters correspond to real sums transferred, the amounts in *italics* were calculated according to the exchange rate from September 11, 2008 (USD 1 = CZK 17.63)

AXO - ABANDONED EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE
EOD - EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
IEDD - IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DISPOSAL
UXO - UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE
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