

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



ANNUAL REPORT ON PROTOCOL V

SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR OF 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

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**SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V ¹**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: Republic of Moldova

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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 ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2017)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

¹ Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V, this cover page could be used as a **complement** to submitting the detailed reporting forms adopted at the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V in case there is no substantial change in the ERW situation, as a result of a conflict or of the measures undertaken in compliance with the provisions of Protocol V, and when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports.

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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)

HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of Moldova

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G H I

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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 Moldova

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

During the reported period, the demining teams of the National Army removed and destroyed 762 rounds of assorted Second World War II ERWs.

Any other relevant information:

According to the Article 3 of the Protocol the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) found on the territory of the Republic of Moldova result from the First and Second World Wars, as well as some dumping from the former Soviet military bases. They existed before the entry into force of the Protocol. Therefore, all steps taken by the National Army with regard to clearance, removal or destruction of ERW should be regarded as voluntary measures, which do not result from any obligation under the Protocol.

The National Army of the Republic of Moldova is responsible for clearance, removal and the destruction of the ERW explosives found on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

The National Army operates in regard to the Protocol V only on the controlled territory, and this does not include the Transdnestrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

With the assistance from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the European Union Border Assistance Mission in Moldova, the National Army had delineated the border between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine and determined the ERW sensitive zones, as with high risk (Anenii Noi, Causeni, Stefan-Voda, Ungheni districts), medium risk (Chisinau, Ialoveni, Hincesti, Nisporeni, Calarasi, Straseni districts) and moderate risk (rest of the districts in the North and South of the Republic of Moldova).

The National Army has established the following procedures upon ERW clearance:

When the ERW is found the following measures are taken:

- The Local Administration is the first to take actions: - secure the area around the found ERW, - inform the Local Military Centre - the National Army;
- The National Army will dispatch the Demining team to the spot :
 - destroy the ERW on the spot if possible, if not:
 - move the ERW to a secure, specialized area and destroy it,
 - ensure that there are no other ERWs in the area and in close proximity to it.
- The Local Military Centres twice a year are conducting instructive lectures with the local Administration and local population on how to react and what are the prompt measures to be taken when a ERW is found.

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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 Moldova

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

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report

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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 Moldova

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

Besides the local ERW Risk Education work, the Ministry of Defence has benefited from OSCE support in promoting one national information campaign in 2014, aimed at educating people, especially children, on how to avoid risks in contaminated areas.

Any other relevant information:

All steps taken by the National Army of the Republic of Moldova with regard to precautions for the protection of the civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure, which does not result from any obligation under the Protocol.
The local Recruiting Military Centres are responsible for organizing, monitoring and collecting the information from the population about ERW objects, places, spots or territories and to organize instructive lessons for the population on the security measures for the protection against ERW cases.

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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 Moldova

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information:

Within the National Army auspices there are no ERW humanitarianmissions, organisations or projects operating on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

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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 Moldova

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

Since March 2014, eight Moldovan Army contingents, each including one unit of EOD personnel, have been deployed to Kosovo as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force.

Any other relevant information:

The National Army did not receive assistance with regard to ERW; however, would benefit from the close cooperation with foreign states, international organisations, institutions, agencies and with the non-governmental organisations and foundations to minimise the risks posed by ERW. In particular, this should be achieved through the following measures:

- Experience exchange at any professional level including the technological knowledge necessary to pursue the ERWs;
- Establishing a database centre to collect the ERW cases;
- Sharing on the voluntary bases all the necessary information to the databases of the ERW-related activities;
- Submitting reports to the International Institutions on the results of the implementation of the available National Programmes to address the Preventive and Clearance Measures of the ERWs cases.

The actual expenditures for the destruction, removal and clearance of the ERW are strictly from the National Army's budget.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Moldova

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information:

According to the Article 3 of the Protocol the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) found on the territory of the Republic of Moldova result from the First and Second World Wars, as well as some dumping from the former Soviet military bases. They existed before the entry into force of the Protocol.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Moldova

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information:

(a) Munitions manufacturing management and future production

The Republic of Moldova is not manufacturing any kind of weapons and ammunitions.

(b) Munitions management

The National Army of the Republic of Moldova apply best practice norms and operating procedures in the area of munitions and explosive ordnance management. The following legislation is currently in force:

- Order of the Minister of Defence No.125 of 06 Mai 2004 "Concerning clearance of the territories from the explosive objects";

- Order of the Minister of Defence Nr. 170 of 27 July 2006 on "Approving the Regulation concerning the armament and ammunition management in the military units of the National Army and Ministry of Defence's institutions. This Order defines accounting, stockpiling, issuing and documentation of arms and munitions in the National Army and Ministry of Defence;

- Order of the Minister of Defence No. 50 of 24 February 2006 on "Aproving the Instruction concerning the registration organization, storing and relieving of the armament and munitions in the military units of the National Army and Ministry of Defence's institutions;

- Order of the Minister of Defence Nr. 80 of 03 May 2007 on "Concerning the control of the terms of viability of the ammunitions and armament";

- Order of the Minister of Defence Nr. 255 of 10 October 2008 on "Aproving the Guideliness concerning the categorisation, maintenance and destruction of the munitions and the armament in the National Army.

(c) Training

All personnel involved in the handling, transporting and use of explosive ordnance are obliged to undergo relevant safety training.

(d) Transfer

Import, export and transit of military equipment are subject to legislation on control of strategic goods. For detailed information on Export control system of the Republic of Moldova please see Annual report to On implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (<http://www.un-register.org/SmallArms/Index.aspx>)

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Moldova

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report