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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: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Reporting for time period from: 05/01/2012 to 30/07/2012
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

- A Prime Minister's Decree No. 49/PM dated 13 February 1996 on Establishing the National Steering Committee of the Trust Fund for UXO Clearance and the Lao National UXO Programme (UXO Lao).
- An UXO Impact Survey conducted by Handicap International in 1997 estimated the figure of 87.000 km² of contaminated land or around 37% of the total territory. Currently more efforts are ongoing to identify the actual size of the contaminated land by UXO.
- Prime Minister's Decree No. 33/PM dated 17 March 2004 on the Establishment of the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for the UXO/Mine Sector in Lao PDR
- Government's Resolution No. 01/PM dated 29 April 2004 on National Strategic Plan for the UXO Sector for 2003-2013 "The Safe Path Forward"; The Plan was revised and adopted on 22 June 2012 as "The Safe Path Forward II" for 2011-2020.
- UXO issue has been incorporated into the Seventh Five-Year National Socio-Economic Development Plan 2011-2015

Any other relevant information:

- Currently there are six humanitarian UXO clearance operators and 12 commercial UXO clearance companies Working in Lao PDR.
- Since 1996 up to July 2012, all operators clears 31.142 hectares of contaminated land and destroyed 1.367.427 ERW.

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

High Contracting Party: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Reporting for time period from: 5/1/2012 to 30/7/2012
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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex:

Protocol V and its Technical Annex are being translated into Lao language and after that they will be distributed to Ministry of National Defense and other relevant agencies for further appropriate actions as required by the Protocol.

Any other relevant information:

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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: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

- Marking of contaminated land and warning signs have been put in place at the tourist sites, development projects and other important locations only, since the contaminated areas are so large.
- Risk reduction education has been carried out in many forms and on a long term basis, such as through village visits, posters, radio spots and included in the school curriculum, especially at the contaminated and nearby districts.
- Mine Awareness Day and CCM Entry Into Force Day have been annually organized to raise awareness on the issue.
- The National UXO/Mine Actio Standard (NS), based on the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), adopted by the Board of National Regulatory Authority in 2007.

Any other relevant information:

As a result of intense effort of mine risk reduction education and progress made on clearance, the number of UXO casualties have been reduced substantially from the average of 300 casualties per year in the previous decade to about 100 per year at present.

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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: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Information on UXO contaminated areas have been made available in many forms to general public and concerned authorities, including to humanitarian missions and organizations

Any other relevant information:

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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: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

Lao PDR has requested international assistance to help address UXO problem through bilateral channel, UN system and Trust Fund.

Any other relevant information:

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

NRA and UXO Lao have shared experiences and lessons learned from clearance, risk reduction education and victim assistance to other interested agencies by arranging field visits as per request or through presentation.

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

Regulation of the Ministry of National Defense No. 405/MND, dated 12 February 2006 on management of weapons and ammunitions.

Any other relevant information:

All weapons and ammunitions must be registered, stored and maintained strictly to the Ministry Regulation to ensure their effectiveness.

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

High Contracting Party: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

A Consultation among concerned Ministries was held to discuss compliance of the Protocol.

Any other relevant information:

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

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