CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)
PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR
(PROTOCOL V)

REPORTING FORMS

Pursuant to Article 10 (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

X  YES

□  NO

□  Partially, only the following forms:

A □  B □  C □  D □  E □  F □  G □  H □  I □
FORM A  Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party:  SWEDEN

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Sweden is not contaminated by ERW, therefore not applicable.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM B   Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN

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

The standard procedures for recording, retaining and transmission of information required by this article are in place within the Swedish Armed Forces.

Any other relevant information

None
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: SWEDEN

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

Measures required by article 5 and the Technical Annex are an integral part of the MoU/RoE/SOP for all international operations in which the Swedish Armed Forces take part.

Any other relevant information

None
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: SWEDEN

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

See report under article 5. Coordination and co-operation as well as exchange of information between civilian actors and the Swedish Armed forces forms a vital part of the measures required to meet this article.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM E  Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

See also report under article 8. Sweden contributes to national efforts in handling explosive remnants of war, including mine action.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM F  Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party: ……SWEDEN………………

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8
During the period covered by this report (2007), Sweden has contributed at least 135 million SEK to mine actions. Most of this, 118 million SEK, was channelled through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Projects supported by Sweden were directed mainly towards demining and awareness-raising in Lebanon (Swedish Rescue Services Agency-SRSA), Iraq (SRSA, Mines Advisory Group-MAG), Afghanistan (Danish Demining Group-DDG), Somalia (SRSA, DDG), Sri Lanka (SRSA), Sudan (SRSA), DR Congo (MAG) and Burundi (Danish Church Aid-DCA) and global activities through UNICEF, UNMAS, GICHD, Norwegian People’s Aid-NPA and UNDP.

The following, included in the 135 million, were channelled through the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; a 25 million SEK grant to UNDP/BCPR and a 200 000 SEK grant to ICBL-Landmine Monitor Report.

Any other relevant information
In 1997, Sweden established SWEDEC, a centre for humanitarian demining as well as military mine clearance. SWEDEC is the country's focal point on technical matters, training, etc. Education and training courses are provided for internationals as support to Mine Actions, e.g.: Introduction to Mine Action; Introduction to IMAS; Operational planning with IMSMA; Technical Advisors; MRE; Socio-Economic approaches to Mine Action etc. Students and facilitators from several countries have participated during the last year.

Sweden has a relatively large R&D programme.

Sweden participates actively in ITEP (International Test and Evaluation Program for Humanitarian Demining) and in the standardisation work done in Europe (CEN) and at GICHD.

Sweden also contributes to relevant IT (IMSMA) development for UNMAS through GICHD.

Sweden has since 1995 conducted 14 naval mine clearance operations within the territorial waters of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) is also engaged in a number of activities relating to mine- and UXO-clearance i.e. by providing expertise and unique competence. SRSA has during the reporting period been conducting Mine Action projects in Sudan (supporting UNMAS, financed by Sida, specialist support), Lebanon (supporting UNMAS, 1 EOD team, 3 BAC teams, 1 mechanical team financed by Sida, and QA MDD financed by UNOPS), Senegal (supporting UNDP, financed by Sida, specialist support), Somalia (supporting UNDP, financed by Sida, 3 EOD teams and coordination), Iraq (specialist support to UNDP financed by Sida, EOD training support financed by Sida and UNOPS). Chad (specialist EOD support financed by Sida).

The training includes introduction to Mine Action, specialist courses such as MDD and EOD training and courses at the different management levels.

Swedish Armed Forces conduct ERW clearance during international Peace Support Operations, for example now in Afghanistan.
FORM G  Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN

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

Sweden and the Swedish Armed Forces have structures in place to meet the requirements of this article and the Technical Annex.

Any other relevant information

None
High Contracting Party: SWEDEN

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

Protocol V regulations together with Mine Action Standards (IMAS) have been made part of the training of Swedish military personnel as well as in planning for international operations.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM I  Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN

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Any other relevant information

None