Permanent Mission of Austria

to the United Nations in Geneva

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The Permanent Mission of Austria presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and has the honor to herewith transmit the Austrian national reports for the reporting year 2013 concerning the CCW Compliance Report, the Amended Protocol II National Report and the Protocol V National Report.

The Permanent Mission of Austria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 1 April 2014

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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)

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NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of AUSTRIA

PARTY TO:
- [x] Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- [ ] Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- [x] Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- [x] Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)

ACCEDED TO:
- [ ] The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: (dd/mm/yyyy)

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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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.

\(^1\) Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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.

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS


**SUMMARY SHEET**

**Reporting period:** from 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013

**Form A: Dissemination of information:**
- [ ] changed
- [x] unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2012)

**Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:**
- [ ] changed
- [x] unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2012)

**Form C: Legislation:**
- [ ] changed
- [x] unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2012)

**Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:**
- [ ] changed
- [x] unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2012)

**Form E: Other relevant matters:**
- [ ] changed
- [x] unchanged
  (last reporting year: 2012)

**NOTE:** This **Summary Sheet** may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.

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**CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS**
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;"

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- 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:

- The Convention and its Protocols have been transformed into national law.
- All relevant provisions are incorporated into the curricula of military training.
- Legal advisors are working on all levels of the Austrian Federal Army in order to advise commanders regarding the compliance with all national and international standards.
- The Austrian Federal Army thus strictly complies with all the standards set out in the Convention and its Protocols.

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

- Since the Convention and its Protocols have been transformed into Austrian law, the contents have been published and are therefore available to the civilian population.

Any other relevant information:
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;"

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Additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2013

Additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

All relevant weapons and ammunition of the Austrian Federal Army fulfill the technical requirements set out in the Convention and its Protocols. Austria uses state of the art storage facilities in order to minimize any risk for the civilian population or civilian objects.

Any other relevant information:
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;"

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☑ additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year 2013

☑ additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year 2013

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:


The amendment of Article 1 of the Convention entered into force in Austria on May 18, 2005 and was published in Federal Law Gazette III No. 37/2005.

Protocol V of the Convention entered into force in Austria on April 1, 2008 and was published in Federal Law Gazette III No. 40/2008.

In addition, the following legal instruments are among those applicable in Austria with regard to the use of certain conventional weapons:
- national law on the ban of antipersonnel landmines (Federal Law Gazette I No. 13/1997);
- Anti-personnel landmine ban convention (Federal Law Gazette I No. 38/1999);
- national law on the ban of blinding laser weapons (Federal Law Gazette I No. 4/1998);
- the Cluster Munition Convention (Federal Law Gazette III Nr. 82/2010) and
- the Geneva Conventions and their respective protocols.

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:
FORM D: Technical cooperation 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;"

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☒ additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2013

☒ additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

International technical assistance:

Austria is providing assistance to mine action activities through bilateral and multilateral programmes and as a member State of the European Union is supporting mine action activities of the European Union. On a bilateral basis, Austria has contributed during the reporting period to mine clearance, risk education and victim assistance programmes of international organisations or NGO's in the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Lebanon, and Libya. Austria has also supported the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Serving as the Co-Chair on the Antipersonnel Landmine Ban Convention's Committee on victim assistance, Austria has co-organised and co-financed two international expert seminars on victim assistance in Geneva. Overall, the amount of financial support in the reporting period was approximately € 0.9 million.

Any other relevant information:
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(e) Other relevant matters."

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Other relevant matters: