La Mission du Saint-Siège auprès de l’Office des Nations Unies et
des Organisations internationales à Genève présente ses compliments à l’Unité de
Soutien à la mise en œuvre (ISU) de la Convention sur certaines armes
conventionnelles (CCW), et a l’honneur de lui présenter, ci-joint, les Rapports annuels

La Mission Permanente du Saint-Siège saisit cette occasion pour
renouveler à l’Unité de Soutien l’assurance de sa plus haute considération.

Genève, le 23 mars 2016

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NATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

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)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: HOLY SEE

PARTY TO:

☒ Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
☒ Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
☒ Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
☒ Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
☒ Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
☒ Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:

☒ the amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 08/02/2016

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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.
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: HOLY SEE

Reporting period: from 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

☑ 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 2015.

☒ 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 2015.

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:

Nothing to declare.

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

Nothing to declare.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to declare.
- COMPLIANCE -

SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period: from 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

Form A: Dissemination of information: □ changed
              □ unchanged (last reporting: 2014)

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information: □ changed
              □ unchanged (last reporting: 2014)

Form C: Legislation: □ changed
              □ unchanged (last reporting: 2014)

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance: □ changed
              □ unchanged (last reporting: 2014)

Form E: Other relevant matters: □ changed
              □ unchanged (last reporting: 2014)

General Remarks concerning the implementation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols

The Vatican City State - Holy See has never used, stockpiled or produced any sort of conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects which are covered by the Convention and its five annexed Protocols.

There are no such conventional weapons placed on the territory of Vatican City State.

The provisions of the CCW as well as the provisions of its five annexed Protocols have been completely implemented.

The Holy See supports and promotes all activities focusing on a total world-wide elimination of conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects which are covered by the Convention and its five annexed Protocols. The Holy See is undertaking continual efforts to help victims suffering the terrible consequences caused by such weapons.