REPORTING FORMS

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: POLAND

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: 07/10/2008
(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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1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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.

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.
### COMPLIANCE

#### SUMMARY SHEET

**Reporting period:** from 01/09/2007 to 31/08/2008

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**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.
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: POLAND

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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: 2008

☐ 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:

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:

Unchanged (last reporting year 2007)

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

In 2007 the Polish Red Cross organized in cooperation with universities, public institutions, armed forces, foreign embassies and media a series of events aimed at promotion of international humanitarian law among different audiences, e.g.:

1. On March 15 Polish Red Cross organized training on selected problems of international humanitarian law in Mszana Dolna. The training included lectures on “Mines – problem of contemporary world”.

2. On May 13-18 Polish Red Cross organized the 11th edition of the Polish School on IHL. There were 29 participants: PRC employees, students of civilian universities and representatives of Armed Forces and Police (this year for the second time representatives of Armed Forces had been chosen by our partners in MoD) and one freelancer (Head of the Political Cabinet of Ministry of Interior). Lectures covered (among others) means and methods of warfare. The School was sponsored by the ICRC, the MoD, the Ministry of Culture and Legal Advisers Firm Soltyński & Szeląg.

3. On August 2-5, during the Woodstock Festival which gathered 85000 people, Polish Red Cross created a Landmines Tent. Photo exhibition - „The consequences of the use of landmines” (fot. John Rodsted) was presented and short movie spots were shown. Visitors were provided with additional materials.

4. On November 5-7 Dissemination Roundtable was held by Polish Red Cross. There were 19 participants – volunteers, student assistants and employees of HQ and Regional Branches of PRC. Although majority of them had not had any contact with dissemination of international humanitarian law, they were interested in the subject. Main
themes of the meeting were: the latest problems in the field of international humanitarian law, especially Ottawa Convention and the Oslo process. Participants were given additional materials – books, brochures and handbills.

5. On December 3 Polish Red Cross hosted an event with photo exhibition - „The consequences of the use of landmines” (fot. John Rodsted), film screening - „Disarm” (rez. Mary Wareham, Brian Liu, 2005, time 60 min.) – a documentary on landmines which shows their destructive legacy and the difficult process of making the world free of these remnants of war and a lecture – Mines in the world by PhD Wiesław Szot.
At the same date, PRC HQ in cooperation with Law Students’ Circle “Ius Gentium” organized a film screening (“Disarm”) prefaced by the presentation by Canadian Ambassador in Warsaw, H.E. David Preston and Vice-President of PRC, Ms E. Mikos-Skuza.

6. On December 3 a live programme on contemporary problems caused by landmines was broadcast on student’s radio Kampus.

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;"

High Contracting Party: POLAND

Reporting period: from 01/09/2007 to 31/08/2008

[X] 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: 2003

☐ 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: 

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

Unchanged (last reporting 2007)

Any other relevant information:

Poland has decided to significantly reduce, on a voluntary basis, stockpiles of anti-personnel mines. More than 750000 pcs of the PMD-6 and POMZ-2(2M) mines are to be withdrawn from service and destroyed within 3 to 4 years. These mines have already been separated from operational stocks and gathered in several storage sites. Beginning from 2008 they will be gradually disassembled and the resultant components will be further irreversibly disposed either by recycling or by destruction in accordance with appropriate environmental standards.
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;"

High Contracting Party: POLAND

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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: 2008

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: 

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

International technical assistance:

Any other relevant information:

Extensive data on the subject, including the scale of Polish engagement and quantities of neutralized mines, explosive remnants and abandoned ordnance, is available in annual report submitted to the UN Secretary General, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Amended Protocol II to the CCW Convention.