

**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)**

**SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V ¹**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: AUSTRIA

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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 ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

¹ Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V, this cover page could be used as a **complement** to submitting the detailed reporting forms adopted at the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V in case there is no substantial change in the ERW situation, as a result of a conflict or of the measures undertaken in compliance with the provisions of Protocol V, and when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports.

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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

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: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

19,946 kg of ERW remaining from World War I and II have been destroyed in 1014 actions by the Austrian EOD-Unit.

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: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

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

Explosives and ammunition are only used for exercise and training purposes in specifically designed and secured zones that are part of permanent military training areas of the Austrian Army. Record keeping on the use of explosives is mandatory and part of standardized procedures. Unexploded ordnance devices are marked and blasted immediately.

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: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

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

Explosives and ammunition are only used for exercise and training purposes (see also Form B). Austria uses state-of-the-art storage facilities in order to minimize any risk for the civilian population or civilian objects.

In addition, 23 information leaflets for the civilian population were issued by the Federal Ministry of the Interior.

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: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

N/A.

FORM E Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

No assistance sought or received.

No bilateral assistance projects conducted in the reporting period

Any other relevant information

None

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

High Contracting Party: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

During the reporting period, Austria gave financial support to the following projects:

- 1) UNDP Thematic Trust Fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery:
Contribution to Sponsorship-Program for participants at the Kampala African Conference on the Convention on Cluster Munitions (29-30 September 2008) (€ 200.000)
- 2) UNICEF: Psychosocial support and Mine Risk Education for war-affected and displaced children in Georgia. (€ 200.000,-)

Any other relevant information

None

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

High Contracting Party: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

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

Procurement of explosive ordnance is strictly regulated. Explosives and ammunition have to meet highest possible technical standards in particular with regard to reliability and safety design and are purchased only after successful conclusion of appropriate tests. Both manufacture and trade are subject to specific technical and legal conditions as well as regular control.

Austria uses state-of-the-art storage facilities and implements appropriate stockpile management and surveillance measures.

Safety of all personnel involved in handling, transport and use of explosive ordnance is ensured by a variety of in-house training programs ranging from recruits' training to professional EOD training.

Any other relevant information

None

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

High Contracting Party: **AUSTRIA**

Reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

Austria has established high standards for the procurement and storage of explosives. Most of the provisions are stipulated in national laws and regulations of the Federal Ministry of Defence. These provisions are binding for the storage of ammunition as well as the training of personnel. Training of personnel is regulated in special curricula.

So far 23 information leaflets for the civilian population have been published;

Additional relevant information for the civilian population is available online: www.bmi.gv.at/emd

Any other relevant information

None

FORM I Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information

The national law to ban the production, transfer and use of cluster munitions entered into force on 1 January 2008. Existing stocks have to be destroyed within the next 3 years. This process has already been initiated and is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

On 3 December 2008 Austria has signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions.