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**REPORTING FORMS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 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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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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FORMA: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

- A new Concept of Operation was developed for UXO sectors in Lao PDR which incorporates as evidence-based survey methodology into the prioritization of clearance activities. This means that Confirmed Hazardous (CHA) are being focused on clearance activities. Moreover, our new evidence-based survey methodology which utilize both Non-technical and Technical Survey to target Cluster Munitions remnants.
- The implementation of the Pilot project for brush cutter machine which provided to UXO Lao by Japan International Cooperation System (JICS)

Any other relevant information:

In the year 2016, a total of 34,101,766 m² of land were cleared. This included 23,427,176 m² of agricultural land and 10,674,590 m² of developing land. The operators in Lao PDR destroyed more than 95,428 items of UXOs, of which 106 were bombs, 77,958 were cluster munitions, 45 were mines and 17,319 were other UXO items.

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FORMB: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

Unchanged from the last report

Any other relevant information:

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FORMC: 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

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

- Prime Minister order No. 29, dated 28 September 2016 on Mine Risk Education (MRE) and UXO clearance were issued,
- Community Awareness Activities have been conducted (village presentations, educational films and school visits) ;
- Village Volunteers undertake house to house visits to present UXO safety precautions, and present at the village level as well; the total number of village volunteers is 520 persons (136 women and 384 men). 650 t-shirts have been printed and used by village volunteers on MRE activities and training of UXO Lao village volunteers on MRE in Khammouane, Sekong, Champasack and Attapeu provinces were completed. 56 villages (30 female and 26 male) were benefited from this program. In addition to the foregoing, village volunteers:
 - 1/. Take note of evidence of UXO contamination;
 - 2/. Follow-up MRE activities;
 - 3/. Follow-up with children who are out of school;
 - 4/. Make taped presentations in the local language of ethnic communities. This is important for illiterate persons and those who cannot communicate in Lao language.
- 1,420 sets for UXO curriculum textbooks has been printed and provided to primary school in 4 provinces (Salavanh, Sekong, Champasack and Attapeu).
- Collaborated with the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism to conduct the broadcasting of UXO information and risk education message in Khammouane, Salavan, Sekong and Champasack provinces enabling people in these 4 provinces to be reached by the signal with a coverage of 100% and nearby provinces as well. In addition, when the UXO accidents happened the message radio spot was delivered to people to be aware the cause.
- Production and distribution of specific materials for specific at risk groups such as posters, flip charts, story books, T-shirts, soccer balls, sport clothes and brochures all with risk-avoidance messages, even though kind of material is keeping the same as last year, but number of material provided decreasing according to funding support.
- Total 3,640 visits to 699 and 459 school in at-risk areas, total 261,566 beneficiaries (48,943 boys, 48,323 girls, 80,131 women and 84,169 men).

Any other relevant information:

Given the vast area of contaminated land in Lao PDR, UXO warning signs have been set up in targeted project areas. but should be expanded throughout all contaminated areas.

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FORMD: 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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

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Any other relevant information:

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FORME: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

Unchanged from the last report.

Any other relevant information:

Donor contribution to the UXO sector (included survey and clearance, MRE and victim assistance) with the total 21,485,583 USD in 2016. This is not included domestic company contribution in UXO sector. Moreover, there is a need about \$50 million annually for the UXO sector, compare to current levels of support which is approximately \$ 30 million per year. While the government of Laos will increase its financial contribution in the sector, there is also great need for more financial aids from the international community.

FORME(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

- Victim assistance strategy for NRA has been approved on 14 February 2014.
- Prime Minister Order No. 29, dated 28 September 2016 on Mine Risk Education and UXO Clearance was issued.

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

- There were 35 accidents with 59 casualties (3 women, 19 men, 21 boys and 5 girls) UXO Victims within Jan 2016 to December 2016. Of these, 49 were injured and 10 were killed. 67 survivors received medical treatment (and also treatment for 18 survivors of 2015). Currently, the results of UXO Survivors Tracking Survey are available for all

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development partners. This NRA results also provided to UXO Victims Assistance operators.

- The Government of Lao PDR works closely with representative of the Lao Disabled People Association, Lao Disabled Women and Quality of life Association. Among other things, they have actively participated in these consultations, as well on special events including UXO annual review meetings, UXO sector working group meetings, Mine-UXO awareness day.
- Ministry of Health with the support of World Education provided aid to 67 UXO survivors which have received medical treatment and some survivors received rehabilitation.
- Center of Medical and Rehabilitation in cooperation with COPE provided physical rehabilitation for 136 patients of UXO accident survivors (129 men, 7 women, 0 boy and 0 girl).
- Quality of Life Association and World Education have supported on vocational training and economic support.

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

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

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FORMG: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

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FORMH: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

The Government of Lao PDR in kind contribution to the UXO sector in totally 753,200 USD.