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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**

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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

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

Poland is not an ERW affected country.  
There are no explosive remnants of war on the Polish territory.  
Poland does not exercise control over territories with such remnants, thus no special steps had to be taken to implement the obligations for clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war at nation level.

Any other relevant information:

Two elements are key for the practical implementation of Protocol V:  
first, the definition of explosive remnants of war (ERW) set out in Article 2;  
second, provisions of Article 1(4) whereby the agreement can be applied only to ordnance that became ERW after the Protocol entered into force in a given Contracting Party. On the territory of Poland there are no explosive remnants of war that would fit this definition. \

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

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

The relevant command levels (military units and contingents) keep records of operational reports and orders containing information on the use of explosive ordnance by the Polish Armed Forces personnel. The information is recorded and retained according to obligatory procedures.

Any other relevant information:

None

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**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

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

Precautions aimed at the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation. The Polish Armed Forces take precautions to minimize the risk posed by explosive remnants of war to the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects.

The relevant defence standards and requirements cover marking, recording and reporting of information, area search, clearance and removal of explosive and dangerous objects, methods of marking dangerous areas, warning signs for marking dangerous area;

These norms regulate in detail how to remove, mark, fence and monitor any explosive remnants of war and how to inform the civilian population about threats posed by such remnants.

Any other relevant information:

None

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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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Mutatis mutandis in accordance with the information provided in Form C.

Any other relevant information:

General procedures described in the entry suggested in Form C are also applicable to humanitarian organizations and international missions in the scope defined in Form D.

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

Nothing to report

Any other relevant information:

None

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem, caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war. Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been financing a project in Laos, supporting a local NGO UXO Lao (a local NGO providing assistance in ERW and mine-affected areas, including clearance). The project oversees the purchase of modern equipment to remove and destroy ERW and mines. Planned activities will help to reduce the number of accidents and victims of ERW. Poland contributed to this activity 11.500 euro. The project is the continuation of support for the Lao UXO. Since 2007 Polish assistance to Laos with regards to ERW (via local NGO) amounted to 83.500 euro.

Moreover the Polish Engineering Forces personnel being engaged in stabilizing mission in Afghanistan carried on actions for the benefit of local population – additionally to its mandatory tasks. The activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO and other explosive remnants of war (in case of emergence); as well as providing warning and risk education to the local communities. Within the framework of the mission in 2012 ninety Polish deminers identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

- 62 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
- 2 pcs of air bombs;
- 303 pcs of artillery munitions and mortar grenades;
- 2044 psc of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 12163 psc of unexploded ordnance- various types of munitions;
- 685 kg of others types of explosives.

Total cost of the above mentioned activities has been estimated to be about 400.000 Euro.

Any other relevant information:

None

FORM F(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):

None

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

None

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FORM G: 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:

To minimize the risk of new explosive remnants of war, the Polish Armed Forces established a wide range of preventive measures. These include in particular:

- tactical and technical requirements concerning the ammunition acquired by the Polish Armed Forces. Adequate level of reliability is one of the key parameters taken into account when purchasing ammunition;
- suitable conditions for stockpiling ammunition;
- periodic technical checks of stockpiled ammunition and its suitability for use.

Any other relevant information:

None

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

The Polish Armed Forces personnel receives obligatory trainings in International Humanitarian Law. The trainings cover provisions of Protocol V to the CCW Convention and are carried out on each level of education and professional instruction, in particular:

- in military academies and officers' schools – for recruits, and at courses for commanders and legal advisers,
- in training centres of different Armed Forces branches – for non-commissioned officers,
- as part of professional instruction in units – for military personnel,
- during military exercises which must take into account IHL rules and standards.

In addition, International Humanitarian Law courses account for a substantial part of obligatory training for personnel to be sent to peacekeeping and stabilization missions.

Military instructions and orders relating to training are subject to regular reviews and updates.

Any other relevant information:

None

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

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