CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)

Reporting Formats
pursuant to the Decision of the Third 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: …SLOVAKIA…

PARTY TO:

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

ACCEDED TO:
X Amended Article I

DATE OF SUBMISSION: …4 OCTOBER 2007…

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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.

¹ Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different)
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: …SLOVAKIA…

Information to the armed forces

The content of the Convention and its annexed Protocols has become a part of the basic training of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic: education and instruction on the obligations under the CCW is provided by lecturers at the armed forces schools and by superiors in military units. New armed forces personnel receive special instructions related to the CCW.

Information to the civilian population

1. The Convention and its annexed Protocols have been promulgated in the Collections of Laws of the Slovak Republic (www.zbierka.sk) in the English and Slovak languages as follows:

(b) Amended Protocol II      No. 457/2004
(c) Protocol IV       No. 458/2004
(d) Amended Article I      No. 459/2004
(e) Protocol V       No. 584/2006

2. Information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols has been disseminated to the civilian population, when appropriate, through mass media (e.g. official communiqués by the government informing about the process of the CCW instruments’ ratification).

3. A general information on the CCW is published at the web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic (www.foreign.gov.sk) in the Slovak language. In case of more detailed interest the reader is redirected to the CCW webpage. A number of other webpages (including institutions of Slovakia like the National Council, the Office of the Government, Ministry of Defence) contain information on the CCW in the Slovak language.

Any other relevant information

Not applicable
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: …SLOVAKIA...

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

1. Slovakia destructed her stockpiles of anti-personnel mines in 2000. Currently, 1427 antipersonnel mines (927 PP-Mi-Sr and 500 PP-Mi-Na1) are retained for the purpose of the development of demining technology. Technical requirements of the Amended Protocol II (APII) have been applied in the equipping and training of the Armed Forces of Slovakia based on its combat manuals that had been adapted in conformity with the stipulations of the APII.

2. (a) In relation to Protocols I, III and IV no specific steps are considered necessary as their promulgation in the Collection of Laws and stipulations of the Criminal Code (No. 300/2005 of the Coll. as subsequently amended) concerning illegal armament prevent legal possibility of introducing weapons specified in the CCW instruments in the Armed Forces or any such activities performed by persons under the jurisdiction or on the territory of the Slovak Republic.

2. (b) Potential steps related to the new Protocol V are being considered.

Any other relevant information

Not applicable
Form C Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: …SLOVAKIA...

Legislation

1. See Form A – „Information to the civilian population“ and FORM B 2. (a).

2. The provisions of the Convention and its annexed Protocols are contained in the Standard Operating Procedures, the combat and training manuals of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic.

3. In 2004, the then Criminal Code of the Slovak Republic was amended by Law No. 403/2004 which explicitly introduced the notion of “anti-personnel mines” into the legislation of the Slovak Republic. (Note: Anti-personnel mines had been implicitly embraced in category of illegal possession of arms before this amendment was adopted.) Their development, production, import, export, transfer, transport, procurement, possession, stockpiling and use are subject to sanctions under the Article 295 paragraph 2 (a) of the Criminal Code (the Collections of Laws No. 300/2005 as subsequently amended).

Any other relevant information

Not applicable
Form D  Technical co-operation 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: …SLOVAKIA...

International technical co-operation

Nothing to report.

International technical assistance

Nothing to report.

Any other relevant information

Slovakia has been providing information related to the Amended Protocol II annually in the Reporting Formats for its Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2 (http://disarmament2.un.org/ccw/ccwmeetingsprottwo; www.unog.ch/Disarmament / Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons / Amended Protocol II: National Annual Reports). They contain:

1. Basic figures on Slovakia’s participation in various mine action activities mainly related to mine and UXO clearance and mine awareness, namely:

   a) 1993 – 1996 - UN missions in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNPROFOR, UNCRO, UNPF) – engineering battalion of 600 troops - mine and UXO clearance including the mine awareness training of other mission’s units;

   b) 1996 – 1998 - UN mission in Croatia (UNTAES) – engineering unit of 500 troops - mine and UXO clearance;

   c) 1999 – 2002 - NATO military operation (KFOR) – engineering unit of 43 troops - mine and UXO clearance;

   d) 2000 – 2004 - UN mission in Eritrea (UNMEE) - engineering unit of 196 troops mine and UXO clearance.


   f) since June 2004 - Military operation in Afghanistan (Enduring Freedom) - 17 troops.

2. Information on Slovakia’s mine and UXO – clearance equipment BOŽENA and BELARTY (for details see Reporting Formats for APII at the above addresses).

3. Information on capability for destruction of ammunition and mines by a non-explosive and environmentally friendly technology (for details see Reporting Formats for APII at the above addresses).
Form E Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: …SLOVAKIA…

Other relevant matters

Nothing specific to report.