

**SUMMARY COVER PAGE  
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V <sup>1</sup>**

**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** THE CZECH REPUBLIC

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 01/01/2018 **To** 31/12/2018  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<b>Form A:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form B:</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 year: (2012)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form C:</b> 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 type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2015)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form D:</b> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form E:</b> 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (     )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form E(a):</b> Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2016)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form F:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (     )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form G:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form H:</b> Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (     )] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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, 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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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:

Some explosive remnants of war (ERW) from World War I and World War II can occur on the whole territory of the Czech Republic. They are disposed by the trained government police specialists.

As for the application of the "explosive ordnance" of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic, the ERW can arise during the training of military units only. Each training using live ammunition is under record and has specific rules. Only tested ammunition by the Ammunition Testing Centre (part of the Logistics Agency) can be used for the training of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.

In case of potential failure of live ammunition the disposal of ammunition is carried out by Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialists/pyrotechnics and in specific cases (rockets, aerial bombs, artillery ammunitions, etc.) are supervised by military EOD committee or by the specialists from the Ammunition Testing Centre. Every time a disposal is finished, there is an inspection of the place of disposal performed. Overall cleaning of the training areas, especially the firing ranges, is performed by the specialists.

The live firing is supervised by a target area observer collecting and then providing the available information (according to the real situation) to the commander controlling the exercise and to EOD specialists/pyrotechnics.

According to this information, they search and dispose the unexploded ammunition. The rest of unused ammunition is returned to the ammunition base.

According to the real situation, each piece of ammunition during the live-firing exercise should be under control, so each of them is recorded to the special form.

One of the safety precautions introduced by the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic in the field of ERW relates to handover of former military installations for its future civilian use. Before handover these installations are carefully searched with a specific attention to a potential existence of ammunition and/or ecological disturbance.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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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 records related to usage of the "explosive ordnance", which could potentially become ERW, are kept by logisticians. These records are periodically handed over to the central evidence of the Logistics Agency through the logistic authorities. The database is an internal document of the logistic authorities of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.

Technical Information Support Centre (CTIP) operates as a national EOD centre for sending and retaining all the reports related to overall EOD activities (not only such as incidents, findings or disposals but also training related activities). CTIP is located at the 15th Engineer Regiment.

CTIP is also registered as a technical-information centre of file of experts and experts agencies (Protocol II CCW, form G) and it is a partner for cooperation with the State Police specialists.

CTIP uses the EOD information system based on Swedish information system EOD (EOD IS), which is established approximately in 16 NATO nations and PfP countries. Credible and accurate information about the ammunition are the most important for EOD operations and by the means of EOD IS can be collected, shared and distributed to or exchanged among EOD staff worldwide. The database exists in electronic form and serves for assesment. In addition, it is used as a tool for improvement of level of the EOD experts' training.

Police experts of the Czech Republic secure a potential ERW appearance in civil areas.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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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:

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic No. 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws includes paragraph No. 280, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of two years up to eight years.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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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:

Nothing to report.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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**FORM E:** 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:

The Czech Republic in a given period provided financial contribution to:

- 1) the Ottawa Treaty on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty – 150,000 CZK;
- 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina through the International Trust Fund (ITF) to be used for demining of 3,581 sq. m soil in the area of Zemljište Krsmanović Vitomira (the Rogatica region, Republika Srpska) – 250,000 CZK;
- 3) Ukraine through the NATO-Ukraine Medical Rehabilitation Trust Fund to provide support to patients (i.e. active and discharged Ukrainian servicemen and women and civilian personnel from the defence and security sector) to ensure they have a rapid access to medical rehabilitation care and to longer term medical services as well as support to the medical rehabilitation system in Ukraine to ensure that the system has the means to provide such a support – 40,000 EUR;
- 4) Bosnia and Herzegovina through the OSCE SAFE-UP Project to increase security and service support to ammunition and weapons warehouses in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to show an effort in contributing to stabilization of the Western Balkan – 39,925 EUR.

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate among various ERWs (mines, cluster munitions, EOD) in terms of assistance, the above given information on assistance is also included in CCW P-II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

**FORM E(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):

The Czech Republic did not have any ERW victims.

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

Nothing to report.



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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:

General preventive measures with respect to the minimalisation of ERW are contained in the Czech national laws and regulations issued by government authorities. Generally, these measures aim to control production processes, munitions management, training of personnel and transfer. These laws and regulations are compatible with the relevant EU directives.

Government authorities cooperate and complement each other in this sphere. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defence are most closely involved in such cooperation.

National laws and regulations are published in the Collection of Laws which is publicly available at Ministry of Interior official web site: [www.mvcr.cz](http://www.mvcr.cz). Legal Acts and regulations forming legal basis for national control system can also be found on the websites of the relevant competent ministries.

The applicable laws and regulations are the following:

- o Act No. 119/2002 Coll., on Firearms, as amended;
- o Act No. 156/2000 Coll., on Verification of Firearms and Ammunition, as amended;
- o Act No. 61/1988 Coll., on Mining Activity and Explosives and on State Mining Administration, as amended;
- o Act No. 219/1999 Coll., on Armed Forces of the Czech Republic, as amended.

These acts are further accompanied by their implementing regulations.

Any other relevant information:

Based on our experience, Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation (PPS) can be characterised as a process of search, detection and destruction of ammunition and elements of ammunition in the target and endangered areas of the former fire ranges, and remains of ammunition left or dumped in ammunition dumps, buildings or open terrain. An unexploded ordnance (UXO) from Austria-Hungarian period, from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which was deployed there until 1989, could be found there.

Mine clearance programmes: PPS in the former military zones was finished in March 2004.

Explosive ordnance disposal operations: Within the Czech Republic, the EOD operations on finding of ERW are done by EOD specialists of the Czech Republic's Police and Military Police.

National laws of the Czech Republic regulate EOD service of the Police of the Czech Republic. EOD service of Military Police is regulated by Act No. 300/2013 of the Collection of Laws, on

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Military Police, as amended, and additional internal standards. EOD service of Military Police fulfils the tasks of police protection of the armed forces and of state property administrated or maintained by the Ministry of Defence. EOD specialists of Military Police also operate with military contingents of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic that are deployed abroad where they cooperate with engineer units.

Chief of the Military Police is directly subordinated to the Minister of Defence.

On January 1, 2016, the Military Training Area Brdy was abolished by Act No. 15/2015 of the Collection of Laws, on the border military districts. The process of search, detection and destruction of UXO in this area was completed.

Soldiers from the pyrotechnic cleansing detachment of the 15th Engineer Regiment completed the pyrotechnic sanitation (the recovery and final disposal of unexploded ordnance or munitions) of the Brdy Protected Landscape Area on which they had been working on since 2012.

In total, the disposal squad discovered and neutralised 9,848 pieces of artillery shells, rockets and tank ammunition which were on or beneath the ground surface, and originated primarily from the former Warsaw Pact troops taking part in training exercises, etc. after WWII.

Although Brdy Protected Landscape Area was established in January 2016, the entire area will not be open to the public. There are six locations which will remain permanently closed, which include inaccessible target impact areas.

In this regard, on 9 October 2017 the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic issued a Provision, which established temporarily no-go zones within the Military Training Area Brdy until 31 December 2018 due to their pyrotechnic reconnaissance. Once this reconnaissance is concluded there will be a new Provision issued cancelling these temporary no-go zones.

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

The Convention and its Protocols I-IV were ratified and promulgated in the Czech Republic by Act No. 21/1999 of the Collection of Laws. Amended article I together with Protocol V were promulgated under Act No. 115/2006 of the Collection of International Treaties. The "Collection of International Treaties" is available to the public on official web site of the Ministry of Interior: [www.mvcr.cz](http://www.mvcr.cz).

In addition to promulgation of the CCW Convention and its annexed Protocols in "Collection of International Treaties", these documents are also available to personnel of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic on the internal communication net of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic where they are included in the documentary database of treaties of the International Law Department and furthermore on specific intranet page dedicated to Law of Armed Conflict.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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**FORM H:** Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.