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The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the CCW Implementation Support Unit, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), and has the honour to submit Switzerland's 2016 Annual Report according to article 10 paragraph 2(b) of "Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War", annexed to the 1980 "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".

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland thanks the CCW Implementation Support Unit for circulating this annual report to all High Contracting Parties.

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CCW Implementation Support Unit the assurances of its highest consideration. ↙

Geneva, 31 March 2017



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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:

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

Reporting for time period from: 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

The Federal Constitution and the Law on the Armed Forces assign the following three missions to the armed forces:

- (1) Defence
- (2) Support of civilian authorities
- (3) Peace support

The Swiss Armed Forces use explosive ammunition for training purposes. The use is recorded both manually and electronically (i.e. by the computer-based information system of the army (FIS Heer), or computer-based command and fire control systems of the artillery (INTAFF)). Furthermore, the respective provisions of the CCW and its annexed protocols are integrated in the relevant field manuals.

In the contribution to peace support, the Swiss Armed Forces do not use any explosive ammunition. Since members of the Swiss Armed Forces, in accordance with Military Law, are not allowed to participate in combat operations in the framework of peace enforcement operations, they are currently armed with weapons acting through kinetic energy for self-protection only.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

N/A Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.
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Any other relevant information:

N/A

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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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

N/A
Switzerland is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

[Based on the Annual Report of Switzerland for the CCW Convention and its annexed Protocols for the year 2016]

International co-operation and assistance provided: In 2016, Switzerland attributed CHF 18.9 million to mine action, which includes the engagements in regard to international co-operation and assistance. Due to well-known practical reasons, the attribution to activities addressing the threat posed by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and other ERWs cannot always be clearly separated and quantified.

Switzerland's engagement in international co-operation and assistance is based on the Mine Action Strategy of the Swiss Confederation 2016-2019. This new strategy was published in July 2016 and represents the fourth subsequent national strategy in this domain. The strategy defines a whole of government approach to all activities addressing the threats posed by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war on policy as well as on operational level.

On that basis, Switzerland provides assistance to mine / cluster munitions / ERW affected countries in terms of funds, material and personnel:

- Support in clearance projects, projects integrating mine action into development, risk awareness campaigns and victim assistance projects mainly through financial contributions in countries and regions such as: Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Columbia, Gaza, Kosovo, Laos, Libya, Mali, Myanmar and Ukraine for about CHF 6.0 million.
- Provision of substantial political and financial support to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD): in the reporting period, Switzerland contributed about CHF 9.27 million to the GICHD, which acts as a facilitator, strategic adviser, research body and think tank in the field of Mine Action (including ERW). The Implementation Support Units (ISU), which serve the States Parties to the APMBC as well as to the CCM, are hosted by the GICHD with considerable in-kind contributions from Switzerland (about CH 0.5 million per annum).
- Provision of experts in the fields of EOD, logistics, finance and information management to UN Mine Action Programmes. During the reporting period, experts were deployed to programmes in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan and Western Sahara as well as to UNOPS and UNMAS HQ in New York and in Geneva. During the reporting period, CHF 2.71 million have been spent for the assignment of personnel. Switzerland further developed and updated its specific training courses for future experts to be sent to international Mine Action Programs with its partners GICHD, UNICEF and UNOPS.
- Provision of EOD systems. This offer includes not only the material but also training and support (follow-up deliveries may take place upon request). During the reporting period, no request for a delivery was submitted. Among the material provided to international Mine Action Programmes, SM EOD-Systems are the most prominent items.

Since 2000 Switzerland has been offering international training courses on the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) via the channels of the Partnership for Peace Program (PfP). Switzerland annually offers a series of courses in different fields of mine action. In the reporting period, Switzerland along with such partners as the GICHD, UNICEF and UNOPS offered seven courses with the following topics: "Ammunition Safety Practitioner", "Integrated Mine Action for Better Results", "Application of IMAS", two "A1 IMSMA-Training-Courses", one "A2 IMSMA-Training-Course", two basic "Support Service Officers Courses" and one senior "Support Service Officers Course". The courses took place in Spiez.

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Any other relevant information:

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

(Victim assistance is part of Switzerland's contribution to international cooperation and assistance. Please refer to Form E above for further information.)

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

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM H: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: SWITZERLAND

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Any other relevant information:

In the context of explosive remnants of war, including explosive remnants of cluster munitions, Switzerland is also a State Party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

The international obligations set out in this treaty are reflected in the relevant articles of the Federal Act on War Material (articles 8a, 8b and 8c as well as articles 35a and 35b) (see: http://www.admin.ch/ch/l/rs/514_51/index.html).