

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

REPORTING FORMS

**Pursuant to Article 10 (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

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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Regarding clearance, removal and destruction of the ERW Slovenia fulfilled all obligations under Article 3 of the Protocol.

Note: In Slovenia, clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war was carried out only in certain barracks from 1991 to 1994.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

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

No additional steps had to be taken in Slovenia in the field of recording, retaining and transmission of information.

Any other relevant information

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: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

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

No additional steps had to be taken in Slovenia in the field of other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war.

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: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

No additional steps had to be taken in Slovenia in the field of provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

No additional steps had to be taken in Slovenia in the field of assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from/////... 2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

Slovenia is very actively participating in the humanitarian aspect of the explosive remnants of war. Efforts are mainly oriented to the Western Balkan region. The Slovenian Government has established two international organisations, i.e. the ITF and “Together”, their activities being as follows:

The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF)

The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) is a non-profit, humanitarian organisation **founded by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in March 1998**, originally to help Bosnia and Herzegovina and later also other mine-affected countries in South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia). At the request of its donors, and with support of Slovenia, the ITF began to spread activities towards Cyprus, Afghanistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Tajikistan and the Transcaucasia (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia); however, its operations are currently focused on South-Eastern Europe. At the same time, the ITF, being aware of its know-how and skills in the field of mine action, is willing to consolidate its operations in the Transcaucasia and expand them to other mine-polluted regions, such as Central Asia and Africa.

ITF’s mission is to raise donor funds, and finance and implement mine action programmes and projects in mine-affected countries within the scope of humanitarian and development assistance. ITF’s goal is to free South-Eastern European countries from the impact of mines and unexploded ordnance by the end of 2012, and to actively contribute to the final resolving of this problem also in other mine-affected regions.

Thus far, the ITF has contributed significantly to the resolution of mine problem, as it carried out over 1, 900 mine action projects. The ITF cleared over 91,7 million square meters of mine-polluted areas in South-Eastern Europe (and 2 million square meters in the Transcaucasia), and contributed to physical rehabilitation of over 960 mine victims, which equals 15 per cent of all surviving victims in South-Eastern Europe. Over 250,000 children and adults from mine-affected communities participated in programmes of raising awareness of the mine problem. The ITF educated over 700 experts in the field of humanitarian demining, rehabilitation and mine action management, and supported activities of national mine action centres in all mine-affected countries of South-Eastern Europe (and of Transcaucasia); all this facilitates and improves the effectiveness in dealing with the problem.

From the very beginning, the ITF has supported regional approach to mine action in South-Eastern Europe – being one of the founding members of the South-Eastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC), and supporter of the Regional Mine Detection Dog Centre in Konjic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), the Regional Centre for

Underwater Demining in Bijela (Montenegro) and the Geographic Information System for South-Eastern Europe.

Since 1998, over 130 donors, including 27 States, the European Commission and the UNDP, numerous local communities, organisations, companies and individuals have entrusted almost USD 270 million to the ITF (EUR 242,6 million). The matching-fund mechanism ensures that every US dollar raised by the ITF is matched by an additional dollar provided by the US Government. The mechanism proved exceptionally efficient as a method of raising donor funds for humanitarian purposes.

Year 2008 was the most successful so far in fundraising. With the help of 13 donor countries, many local communities, international organizations, companies and individuals, ITF managed to raise USD 34 million.

More information on ITF: <http://www.itf-fund.si/>



Foundation »TOGETHER«

The Foundation “TOGETHER” – A regional Centre for the Psychosocial Well-being of Children has been initiated as an idea to protect and improve the psychosocial well-being of children in specific areas, which have been affected by armed conflicts and their unfavourable social consequences. The Foundation “TOGETHER” fulfils its mission, which involves ensuring a better future for the children and contributing to peace and stability by activating both Slovene and international professionals and economic resources available. The Foundation “TOGETHER” was founded in February 2002 by three partners, namely the Government of the Republic Slovenia, the nongovernmental organization “Slovene Philanthropy”, and the City of Ljubljana.

The Foundation “TOGETHER” has the **following objectives**:

- Develop comprehensive inter-sectoral and inter-disciplinary models of psychosocial protection of children.
- Mobilize civil society resources aimed at the well-being of children.
- Enable the exchange of experience and models of good practice.
- Develop cross-border networks and facilitate cooperation in the region and on a wider scale.

The basic principle of the activities through the Foundation “TOGETHER” is **strengthening local structures**, such as institutional child care organizations and NGO’s, and **developing models** that can be sustained even after foreign assistance has been withdrawn. The continuity of such programmes is of crucial importance for their efficiency. The Foundation “TOGETHER” strives to **adjust programmes to local needs** and integrate within its programmes sustainability and the development of regional capabilities; through this approach the Foundation wishes to ensure effective support networks and assistance to children in the region.

The programmes of the Foundation “TOGETHER” are created as developmental aids. The Foundation intervenes and integrates its programmes within communities. The most **important activities are**:

- Psychosocial programmes for teachers, aimed at strengthening their capacity to help children with special needs, traumatized children and otherwise emotionally afflicted children, and to improve the overall psychosocial climate in their schools.
- Training for medical workers, helping them to provide psychological assistance to children and parents within the framework of primary health care services.
- Development of voluntary work as a means of community-based psychosocial assistance to children and adolescents in need, and civic education of adolescents towards a democratic society.
- Development and support for mental health institutions dealing with children.
- Organizing conferences and seminars for the exchange of experience and models of good practice between countries and the development of common projects.
- Publishing professional literature.

The Foundation “TOGETHER” is active in the regions of South Eastern Europe (Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia), Iraq and the North Caucasus (Chechnya, Ingushetia). With its varied and valuable experience, which was gained through direct work with numerous school and health workers, other professionals and volunteers, the Foundation “TOGETHER” is actively cooperating and attending many international conferences and meetings. In the programmes organized by the Foundation “TOGETHER” and implemented in unison with its partner organizations in individual countries, hundreds of professionals (psychiatrists, paediatricians,

doctors, psychologists, pedagogues, special teachers, speech therapists, social workers etc.), thousands of participants within educational programmes (teachers and other school workers, health workers and volunteers) and hundreds of thousands of children have been included.

More information on the Foundation “TOGETHER” at: <http://www.together-foundation.si>

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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

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

No additional steps had to be taken in Slovenia in the field of generic preventive measures.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Reporting for time period: from May 2008 to March 2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

No additional steps had to be taken within the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia in the field of compliance.

Any other relevant information

FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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Nil.

Any other relevant information