



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
**Peace, Independence, Democracy, Unity, Prosperity**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic presents its compliments to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Implementation Support Unit, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) and has the honor to enclose herewith the 2017 National Report of Protocol V of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CCW Implementation Support Unit, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vientiane, 30 March 2018



CCW Implementation Support Unit  
**Geneva**

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

**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** Lao People's Democratic Republic

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 01/01/2017 **To** 31/12/2017  
(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <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: (2012)] <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 type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form F:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input 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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HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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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:

A new Concept of Operation was developed for UXO sectors in Lao PDR which incorporates as evidence-based survey methodology into the prioritization of clearance activities. This means that Confirmed Hazardous (CHA) are being focused on clearance activities. Moreover, our new evidence-based survey methodology which utilize both Non-technical and Technical Survey to target Cluster Munitions remnants.

Any other relevant information:

In the year 2017, a total of 41,820,287 m<sup>2</sup> of land were cleared. This included 35,046,308 m<sup>2</sup> of agricultural land and 6,773,979 m<sup>2</sup> of developing land. The operators in Lao PDR destroyed more than 115,554 items of UXOs, of which 124 were bombs, 90,160 were cluster munitions, 38 were mines and 25,232 were other UXO items.

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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:

Unchange from the the last report.

Any other relevant information:

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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:

- Follow up the Prime Ministerial Order No.29, dated 28 September 2016 on MRE and UXO Clearance
- UXO hot line 1603 and 7,000 posters of UXO hot line disseminated to MRE network of UXO Operators and RA provinces (Phongsaly, Houaphan, Xiengkhuang, Louangprabang, Vientiane province, Xaisomboun, Bolikhamxay, Mouane, Savannakhet, Salavan, Champasak, Sekong and Attapeu provinces)
- Community Raising Awareness Activities (village presentations, educational films and school visits);
- Village Volunteers undertake house to house visits to present UXO safety precautions, and present at the village level as well; the total number of village volunteers is 320 persons (140 women and 180 men). 36 village volunteers in Louangprabang and Xiengkhuang provinces (15 female, 21 male) benefitted. In addition to the foregoing, village volunteers:
  - Take note of evidence of UXO contamination;
  - Follow-up MRE activities;
  - Follow-up with children who are out of school;
  - Make taped presentations in the local language of ethnic communities. This is important for illiterate persons and those who cannot communicate in Lao.
- Production and distribution of specific materials for specific at risk groups (posters, flip charts, Story books, T-shirts, balls, sport suits, brochures all with appropriate risk-avoidance messages, even though kind of material is keeping the same as last year, but number of material provided decreasing according to funding support.
- Coordinated with UXO humanitarian operators to conduct UXO awareness raising at schools and UXO impact communities. Total 1,639 visits to 553 villages and 723 schools in at-risk areas, -total 1,743,581 beneficiaries (370,802 boy, 85 girl, 497,280 women and 506,414 men).

Any other relevant information:

Given the vast area of contaminated land in Lao, UXO marking signs have been set up in targeted project areas. Marking must be expanded throughout all contaminated areas.

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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:

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Any other relevant information:

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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:

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Any other relevant information:

Donor contribution to the UXO sector (included survey and clearance, MRE and victim assistance) has a total of 3,620 USD in 2017. This does not include domestic private sector and the government of Lao PDR contribution to the sector. However, the sector still needs approximately \$50 million annually, compared to current levels of support which is approximately \$30 million per year. Even though the government of Laos has been providing in-kind contribution for the sector, there is still a financial gap that needs to be fulfilled from the international community.

**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):

- Victim assistance strategy for NRA, 2014.
- Prime Minister Order on Mine Risk Education and UXO Clearance No. 29, dated 28 September 2016

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

- There were 19 accidents with 41 UXO victims (11 women, 15 men, 8 boys and 7 girls). Of these, 37 were injured and 4 were killed.
- 120 survivors received medical care and 225 UXO accident survivors received physical rehabilitation
- In terms of social and economic inclusion, 110 survivors received vocational training and economic support; 202 survivors received education scholarships; and 1 survivor received a new house and 5 survivors received houses repaired



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ing support.

- The Lao National Committee for Disabled People was established in 1995 and thereafter in 1998 Lao Disabled People's Association was formed and currently it has its branches in 11 provinces.
- The Association is an organization to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities. It has been invited by government concerned agencies to meetings and consultations with regard to any work related to the rights and interests of the people with disabilities.
- Currently, the decree on the Right of People With Disability is approved by the Prime Minister. The Policy and Action Plan on People with Disability is under drafted which this draft is take in account for UXO victim assistance pillars.

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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:

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Any other relevant information:

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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:

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Any other relevant information:

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**FORM H:** Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

The Government of Lao PDR in-kind contribution to the UXO sector in totally 753,200 USD.

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