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The Permanent Mission of Austria presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to herewith submit the Austrian national reports pursuant to the reporting requirements under the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) –**CCW Amended Protocol II National Report 2011, CCW Prot. V National Report** as well as **CCW Compliance Report 2011**.

The Permanent Mission of Austria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V ¹**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: AUSTRIA

REPORTING PERIOD: 01 01 2011 to 31 12 2011
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2010)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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 ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2010)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2010)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2010)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2010)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

¹ 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:

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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: AUSTRIA

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

Not applicable.

Any other relevant information:

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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:

Not applicable.

Any other relevant information:

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

The Austrian Armed Forces (AAF) act in a wide field of co-operation with other national and international organizations (governmental, including other Armed Forces, and non-governmental), to provide assistance in reducing the number of Explosive Remands of War (ERW) and attend or conduct trainings, exercises and courses. On demand or upon request the AAF can provide a minimum of one Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon (EOD Platoon) ready to be deployed for missions abroad on a sixty day early warning base (high readiness). Additionally the AAF can assist with highly trained Instructors for Mine Risk and Mine Awareness Trainings nation- and worldwide.

Any other relevant information:

The Austrian Armed Forces (AAF) are very well experienced in providing Mine Risk Education (MRE) and other similar training programs, countering the threat of Explosive Remands of War (ERW), for civilians and/or local organizations in post conflict scenarios.

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FORM G: 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:

To assure the safety of all personnel within the AAF and according to AAF rules and regulations, it is not allowed to manipulate/handle ammunition and/or Explosive Ordnance without receiving pre proper/required theoretical and/or practical instructions and training. The AAF uses state of the art storage facilities and employs appropriate stockpile management measures as well as certain surveillance procedures. The AAF have implemented the rules and regulations of the “Accord européen relative au transport international des marchandises Dangereuses par Route, (ADR)” and the International Air Transport Association/ Dangerous Goods Regulations (IATA/ DGR).

Any other relevant information:

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

All necessary instructions, curricula or other required and relevant regulations are provided by the therefore responsible departments/divisions/sections within the "Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung und Sport", BMLVS (Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sport, MoDS).

Any other relevant information:

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

Since January 2008, Austrian national law has banned the production, transfer and use of cluster munitions. Furthermore, Austria is a party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which entered into force on 1 August 2010, introducing a comprehensive ban of cluster munitions for the States parties to the convention. Following the ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Austria had all stocks of relevant ammunition destroyed by November 2010. Any further reporting on this subject will be performed within the applicable scheme.