



Permanent Representation
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

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The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honor to attach the 2013 report

Reported period: 1 January - 31 December 2013

on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II).

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 27 March 2014



United Nations Office at Geneva
Office for Disarmament Affairs
- CCW Secretariat -
GENEVA

REPORTING FORMS

pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a **Compliance** mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

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NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: GERMANY

PARTY TO:

- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
- Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:

- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 21/03/2014

(dd/mm/yyyy)

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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NO

Partially, only the following forms: A B C D E

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

¹ Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).

– COMPLIANCE –

Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

- (a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;
- (b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;
- (c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;
- (d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and
- (e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.

SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2013 **to** 31/12/2013
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Form A: Dissemination of information: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form C: Legislation: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form E: Other relevant matters changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

NOTE: This **Summary Sheet** may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.

FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

- (a) *Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”*

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

- (i) All soldiers of the Federal Armed Forces concerned with the subject receive instruction in international law including the rules set by the Protocols. This training is conducted in the military units by superiors and legal advisers and at the Federal Armed Forces Schools and Academies by law scholars. Military manuals and orders concerning training and instruction in this respect are continuously updated.
- (ii) Via Joint Service Regulation ZDv 15/2 “International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts – Manual” of 01/05/2013, the contents and provisions of the Convention and its Protocols are disseminated and implemented. This Manual summarizes the provisions on international humanitarian law and presents them as a regulation to be observed by all military personnel. It also serves as a foundation for initial and extension training of military personnel in the field of international law. ZDv 15/2 of 01/05/2013 covers the latest developments in the law of armed conflict.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

- (iii) The content and the date of the entry into force of the Convention and its annexed Protocols are published in the Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt) which contains the complete legislation of the federal government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Any other relevant information:

(iv) The Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Defense, and the German Red Cross publish the bilingual (English and German) omnibus publication “Documents on International Humanitarian Law | Dokumente zum humanitären Völkerrecht” (2nd edition; ISBN 978-3-89665-564-6). This publication includes, inter alia, the text of the Convention, including the amendment of its Article 1, and of all Protocols in German and English language.

FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

- (b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”*

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

(i) In the acquisition and procurement of weaponry covered by the Convention and its Protocols, Germany, by virtue of Article 36 of the 1977 Additional Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, is continuously determining whether its employment would be permissible under, or in conformity with, the Convention and its Protocols or any other applicable rule of international law.

Any other relevant information:

(ii) Complementary to response (i) and whenever applicable, generic preventive measures under Article 9 of Protocol V in conjunction with Part 3 of the Technical Annex to Protocol V are given full consideration.

FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

2013

additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

Protocol I

Act of 17/09/1992, Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 1992 II p. 967.
The Act entered into force on 25/09/1992.

Protocol II

Act of 17/09/1992, Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 1992 II p. 968.
The Act entered into force on 25/09/1992.

Amended Protocol II

Act of 18/04/1997, Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 1997 II p. 806.
The Act entered into force on 24/04/1997.

Protocol III

Act of 17/09/1992, Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 1992 II p. 975.
The Act entered into force on 25/09/1992.

Protocol IV

Act of 18/04/1997. Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 1997 II p. 827.
The Act entered into force on 24/04/1997.

Protocol V

Act of 06/02/2005. Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 2005 II p. 122.
The Act entered into force on 11/02/2005.

Amended Article 1

Act of 17/11/2004. Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] 2004 II p. 1507.
The Act entered into force on 24/11/2004.

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Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

N/A

FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

Member of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG), USA Financial support to the International Trust Fund (ITF), Slovenia Financial support to UNDP Financial support to UNMAS Financial support to UNHCR Financial support to UNICEF Financial support to national and international NGOs Support by secondment of personnel to Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) Participation in the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) to the CCW
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International technical assistance:

Germany allocated a total amount of 19.6 Mio EUR from which a total amount of 14,851,616.67 EUR for mine action projects had been requested in 2013. For details see German National Report 2013 to the CCW Amended Protocol II
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Any other relevant information:

N/A

FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

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additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Other relevant matters:

Germany is a State Party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction and to the Convention on Cluster Munitions.