

**REPORTING FORMS
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THE DECISION OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTIES TO PROTOCOL V**

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OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V**

NAME OF STATE PARTY: Republic of Lithuania

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010

Form A: 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
Form 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: (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2009)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

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 Lithuania

Note: According to Article 1, paragraph 4 of the Protocol, Article 3 only applies to Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) other than existing ERW as defined in Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Protocol. ERWs found in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania result from First and Second World Wars as well as pollution of former Soviet military bases, i.e. they existed before entry into force of the Protocol. Therefore all steps taken by the Republic of Lithuania with regard to clearance, removal or destruction of ERW should be regarded as a voluntary measure, which does not result from any obligation under the Protocol.

In 2007, the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War and the Plan of Implementing Measures for the Programme for the years 2007-2018 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The Programme explains the origins and current scope of a problem and sets the objective to ensure that ERWs are found, their potential threat to people prevented and adverse effects to private and public activities minimised. The tasks for the attainment of this objective include: examination and evaluation of the threat, drafting and amending relevant legislation, carrying out of clearance and cooperation with international community.

On 29 January 2008, by the Order No V-88 of the Minister of National Defence the Implementation Framework of this Programme was approved.

Full text of the Programme and the Plan of Implementing Measures is available on-line:

In English, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=312266;

Lithuanian, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=297014&p_query=&p_tr2=.

Full text of the Implementation Framework is available on-line:

Lithuanian, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=314358&p_query=&p_tr2=

All special tasks, (such as collection and analysis of information on polluted territories from historical sources and archives, creation of data base on ERW issues, creation of digital and ordinary maps of territories contaminated with ERW, drafting or amending of relevant legislation, etc., set out in the Programme in preparation for clearance activities were successfully completed.

Marking and clearance activities started in summer 2008. By the end of 2010, Lithuanian Armed Forces' Explosive Ordnance Disposal platoon checked and cleared over 54 hectares of polluted territories and found over 7 500 pieces of different explosive ordnance (mortar, anti-vehicle and anti-personnel mines, shells, grenades, aviation bombs, ammunition etc.).

Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Ghor province (Afghanistan) is part of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mission. During the period of 2006-2010 Lithuanian Armed Forces Explosive Ordnance Disposal team in PRT destroyed over 21 000 pieces of different explosive ordnance.

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 Lithuania

International assistance

Lithuanian contribution to international assistance in 2010

Activity, funding and/or in-kind contributions	Implementing organisation or agency	Date	Contribution
De-mining and Unexploded Ordnance UXO clearance, province of Ghor, Afghanistan	Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team	2010	In kind (approx. 65 000 EUR)
Support to the activities related to implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty	Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining	December 2010	15 000 LTL (3 000 EUR)
Explosive remnants of war clearance and medical rehabilitation support to Georgia project (Georgia III)	NATO / NAMSA	December 2010	30 015 LTL (8 700 EUR)

FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

Any other relevant information

International efforts on ERWs and antipersonnel landmines

In November 2009, the Third Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW Protocol V appointed Lithuania to act as a Coordinator on Clearance issues at the Experts meeting for a second consecutive year.

During its tenure, Lithuania continued to focus on the following issues:

1. Clearance, Removal or Destruction of ERW: exchange of national information and experience on ERW clearance activities and in seeking and receiving assistance under the provisions of the Protocol;
2. Article 3 on Clearance: particular focus on evaluation and achieving results in clearance projects;
3. Article 4 on Recording, retaining and transmission of information on the explosives used during an armed conflict; and
4. Environmental impact of ERW clearance.

In November 2010, the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW Protocol V endorsed the recommendations by the Coordinator and decided to continue discussions on these topics in 2011.

At the 10th Member State Parties (MSP) meeting of the AP Mine Ban Convention on 29 November – 3 December 2010 Lithuania was appointed the Co-Chair of the Standing Committee for Stockpile Destruction until the next MSP in November 2011. Lithuania has already acted in this capacity in 2006 and was a co-rapporteur of this Committee in 2005 and 2010.

The main goals of the Lithuanian Co-Chair include:

1. encouraging states to meet their obligation under AP Mine Ban Convention in destroying stockpiles of anti-personnel mines as soon as possible;
2. encouraging these countries to report on their progress as often as possible;
3. standing ready to facilitate any informal consultations between these states and possible donors on issues of cooperation and assistance.