The Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and has the honour to submit herewith the Report on the national implementation pursuant to the Decision of the Third Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5., from Japan. This Report has already been submitted electronically to the CCW Secretariat.

The Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 23 March 2016

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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: JAPAN

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: 28/03/2016
(dd/mm/yyyy)

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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 ☐

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

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;

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

Reporting period: from 01/01/2015 [dd/mm/yyyy] to 31/12/2015 [dd/mm/yyyy]

Form A: Dissemination of information: □ changed
☑ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2015

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information: □ changed
☑ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2015

Form C: Legislation:
☑ changed
□ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2015

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
☑ changed
□ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2015

Form E: Other relevant matters: □ changed
☑ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2015

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 C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(c) Legislation;"

High Contracting Party: JAPAN

Reporting period: from 1/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

☐ 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: January 1st 2015 - December 31st 2015

☐ 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:

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

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:

Government of Japan, in accordance with the National Security Strategy adopted on December 17, 2013, set out the "Three Principles of Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology" as a set of new principles on overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology, which replace the "Three Principles on Arms Exports and Their Related Policy Guidelines."

The Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology

1. Clarification of cases where transfers are prohibited
   Overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will not be permitted when:
   1) the transfer violates obligations under treaties and other international agreements that Japan has concluded,
   2) the transfer violates obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions, or
   3) the defense equipment and technology is destined for a country party to a conflict (a country against which the United Nations Security Council is taking measures to maintain or restore international peace and security in the event of an armed attack).

2. Limitation to cases where transfers may be permitted as well as strict examination and information disclosure
   In cases not within 1. above, cases where transfers may be permitted will be limited to the following cases. Those cases will be examined strictly while ensuring transparency. More specifically, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology may be permitted in such cases as the transfer contributes to active promotion of peace contribution and international cooperation, or

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to Japan's security from the viewpoint of
- implementing international joint development and production projects with countries cooperating with Japan in
  security area including its ally, the U.S. (hereinafter referred to as "the ally and partners"),
- enhancing security and defense cooperation with the ally and partners, as well as
- supporting the activities of the Self-Defense Forces including the maintenance of its equipment and ensuring the
  safety of Japanese nationals.

The Government will conduct strict examination on the appropriateness of the destination and end user, and the
extent the overseas transfer of such equipment and technology will raise concern for Japan's security. Then the
Government will make a comprehensive judgment in light of the existing guidelines of the international export control
regime and based on the information available at the time of export examinations.

Significant cases that require especially careful consideration from the viewpoint of Japan's security will be
examined at the National Security Council (NSC). As for the cases that were deliberated at the NSC, the Government
will disclose their information in accordance with the Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs
(Law No. 42 of 1999).

3. Ensuring appropriate control regarding extra-purpose use or transfer to third parties

In cases satisfying 2. above, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will be permitted only in cases
where appropriate control is ensured. More concretely, the Government will in principle oblige the Government of the
recipient country to gain its prior consent regarding extra-purpose use and transfer to third parties.
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: JAPAN

Reporting period: from 1/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

☑ 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: January 1st 2015- December 31st 2015

☐ 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:

Japan has been providing substantial assistance in mine/ERW action including demining, clearance, victim assistance and mine risk education through international organizations, domestic and international NGOs or on a bilateral basis.

International technical assistance:

Japan International Cooperation Agency has been facilitating south-south cooperation between mine/ERW affected countries.

Any other relevant information:

See the attached Annex form E provided for the National Annual Report for Amended Protocol II for Japan’s cooperation and assistance for mine clearance for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.