The Permanent Mission of Austria presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of 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) and has the honor to herewith transmit the Austrian national reports for the reporting year 2014 concerning the CCW Compliance Report, the Amended Protocol II National Report and the Protocol V National Report.

The Permanent Mission of Austria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 26 March 2015

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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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**COVER PAGE**

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of AUSTRIA

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: (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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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

☑ 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).
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.
Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

Form A: Dissemination of information:
✓ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2012

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:
☐ changed
✓ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2012

Form C: Legislation:
☐ changed
✓ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2012

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
☐ changed
✓ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2012

Form E: Other relevant matters:
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✓ unchanged
(last reporting year:) 2012

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: Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

☒ 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: 2013

☒ 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: 2014

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:

The Convention and its Protocols have been transformed into national law.
All relevant provisions are incorporated into the curricula of military training.
Legal advisors are working on all levels of the Austrian Federal Army in order to advise commanders regarding the compliance with all national and international standards.
The Austrian Federal Army thus strictly complies with all standards set out in the Convention and its Protocols.

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

Since the Convention and its Protocols have been transformed into Austrian law, the contents have been published and are therefore available to the civilian population.

Any other relevant information:
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: Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

☑ 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: 2014

☑ 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: 2014

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

All relevant weapons and ammunition of the Austrian Federal Army fulfil the technical requirements set out in the Convention and its Protocols. Austria uses state-of-the-art storage facilities in order to minimize any risk for the civilian population or civilian objects.

Any other relevant information:
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: Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

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 2011.

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: 2014

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


In addition, the following legal instruments are applicable in Austria with regard to the use of certain conventional weapons: Federal law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines (Federal Law Gazette I No. 13/1997), the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Production, Stockpiling and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Federal Law Gazette III No. 38/1999), the Federal law on the Ban of Blinding Laser Weapons (Federal Law Gazette I No. 4/1998) as well as the Geneva Conventions and their respective Protocols.

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:
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: Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

☒ 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: 2014

☒ 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: 2014

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

During the reporting period, Austria has supported the following projects:
1) UNMAS: Post Conflict Remedial Measures to Minimize the Risks and Effects of Explosive Remnants of War - Explosive Ordnance Disposal in Western Sahara (€ 100 000,-)
2) UNDP Thematic Trust Fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery Contribution to Sponsorship-Program for participants at the Vienna Cluster Munitions Conference (5-7 December 07) (€ 220 000,-)
3) NATO/PfP Trust Fund to eliminate explosive remnants of war in Jordan (€ 36 127,-)

International technical assistance:

Austria is providing assistance to mine action activities through bilateral and multilateral programs and as a Member State of the European Union is supporting mine action activities of the European Union.

On a bilateral basis Austria has contributed during the reporting period to mine clearance, mine awareness and mine victims assistance programs/activities of international agencies and organisations or NGO’s in the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda and Burundi. Austria has also contributed to the programs and activities of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

In the reporting period, the Austrian contributions amounted to 1.3 Million €.

Any other relevant information:
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(e) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

☐ 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: 2014

Other relevant matters:

Since January 2008, Austrian national law bans the production, transfer and use of cluster munitions.

Moreover, Austria is a party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which entered into force on 1 August 2010, and has adapted its federal law according to the provisions of the Convention.

The process of destruction of Austrian stocks of cluster ammunition was completed in November 2010.