

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

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: POLAND

REPORTING PERIOD: 01.01.2016 **To** 31.12.2016
(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <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: (2012)] <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: (2012)] <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: (2012)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2012)] <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.

**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:

A B C D E F G H I

FORM E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

High Contracting Party: POLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

In 2016 the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed with 50 thousand US dollars in support of UNMAS's actions in Gaza ("Mitigation of the threat posed by explosive hazards in Gaza"). In the last two years Poland's total financial assistance to mine action and mitigation in Gaza amounted to 85 thousand US dollars. Gaza continues to be contaminated with ERWs consisting of unexploded aircraft bombs, tank shells and other munitions. For 2017 UNMAS has identified the following priorities in Gaza: protection of civilians from ERW threats, support to reconstruction activities and emergency preparedness.

At the reporting period Polish Armed Forces contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO), improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and other explosive remnants of war (ERW). This was possible through the participation of the Polish Engineering Forces personnel in the stabilizing mission in Afghanistan. The PEF activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO, IEDs and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency).

In 2016 6 Polish deminers formed an emergency team for demining and clearing operations. The unit remained on stand by and did not participate directly in mine clearance activities.

Any other relevant information:

FORM E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

High Contracting Party: _____

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[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

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

High Contracting Party: POLAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed and trained in the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict including the rules set by the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols.

The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:

- military and postgraduate studies, operational-tactical studies, operational-strategic studies and qualification courses dedicated for candidates for professional officers, officers, military commanders and legal advisers organized by Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools;
- training, special and qualification courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilian personnel realized in training centers of all armed services;
- the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisers in all military units;
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the International Humanitarian Law norms and regulations.

Training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before deployment. In 2016 Polish Air Force Academy (PAFA) and Polish Naval Academy (PNA) organized international science conferences related to the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols). They were addressed to civilians and military personnel. Additionally PNA published the "International Humanitarian Law" yearbook.

Any other relevant information: