

**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**

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## **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

### Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

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 the First and the 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.

As Lithuania is a mine free country no specific mine clearance programmes are required. However, there is a certain degree of contamination by explosive remnants of war (ERW) resulted from the First and the Second World Wars as well as pollution of former Soviet military bases.

In 2007 the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War for the years 2007-2020 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The primary objective of the Programme is to ensure that ERWs are found, their potential threat to people prevented and adverse effects to private and public activities minimised. The Programme deals with the widest possible range of ERWs, including anti-personnel mines, anti-vehicles mines and cluster munitions.

In 2013 the Programme was amended assigning more functions to the Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of Interior.

Lithuania started marking and ERW clearance activities in summer 2008. Engineer Battalion of the Armed Forces is tasked to clear and destroy the explosives.

In 2016 was checked and cleaned about 15 ha of polluted territories and found 2 630 pieces of different explosive ordnance. From 2008 till the end of 2016 Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD company checked and cleaned over 794 ha of polluted territories and found over 17 500 pieces of different explosive ordnance (anti-vehicle and anti-personnel mines, mortar, shells, grenades, cluster munitions, aviation bombs, ammunition etc.).