

**CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)
PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR
(PROTOCOL V)**

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

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: GERMANY

REPORTING PERIOD: 01.01.2008 to 31.12.2008

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable
Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	X changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) 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	X changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) 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	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable
Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) non applicable
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	x changed unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) 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.

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REPORTING FORMS

**Pursuant to Article 10 (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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Germany is a High Contracting Party to the CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW) and all its Protocols I to V. Germany has ratified Protocol V to the CCW on 11 February 2005. Protocol V entered into force for Germany on 12 November 2006. The deadline for submission of the annual report of Germany is the 31 March 2009

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 A Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

Reporting for time period from ...01.01.2008... to ...31.12.2008...

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Germany is not an ERW affected country.

Thus, no special steps had to be taken to implement the obligations for clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war on a national level.

Any other relevant information

None

FORM B Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

Reporting for time period from ...01.01.2008... to ...31.12.2008...

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex

No military action had been taken to necessitate the implementation of the obligations for recording, retaining and transmission of informations in the reporting period.

Any other relevant information

None

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 explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

Reporting for time period from ...01.01.2008... to ...31.12.2008...

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex

Measures for precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation conducted by German Federal Armed Forces.

Any other relevant information

None

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

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

Reporting for time period from ...01.01.2008... to ...31.12.2008...

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

Measures for precautions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organisations from the effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation conducted by German Federal Armed Forces.

Any other relevant information

None

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

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

Reporting for time period from ...01.01.2008... to ...31.12.2008...

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Germany as a High Contracting Party of Protocol V of the CCW has provided assistance in dealing with problems posed by existing ERW where necessary and feasible. Germany generally does not distinguish between mines and ERW when providing assistance to other High Contracting Parties with both a landmine and ERW problem. In the reporting period the following projects **which primarily focus on ERW clearance** were undertaken by Germany:

1. Vietnam (ERW clearance in the provinces of Hué and Quang Tri implemented by the German NGO “Sodi International”; EUR 788,292.00)
2. Laos (ERW clearance in the province of Luang Prabang implemented by the local organisation “UXO LAO”; EUR 411,100.00)
3. Lebanon (Cluster munition clearance in South Lebanon implemented by the British NGO Mines Advisory Group, EUR 450,000.00)
4. Georgia (Support of ERW clearance implemented by the British NGO The HALO Trust, EURO 200,000.00)
5. Albania: ERW clearance implemented by the Danish NGO DanChurchAid after an ammunition depot accident, EUR 36,283.00

Any other relevant information

None

FORM F Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

Reporting for time period from ...01.01.2008... to ...31.12.2008...

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

Germany as a High Contracting Party of Protocol V of the CCW has provided assistance in dealing with problems posed by existing ERW where necessary and feasible. Germany generally does not distinguish between mines and ERW when providing assistance to other High Contracting Parties with both a landmine and ERW problem. Most assistance by Germany contains a Mine and ERW Risk Education component.

In the reporting period Germany has supported two projects in Colombia which focussed primarily on Victim Assistance and Risk Education (in total EUR 474,233.00, implemented by local Colombian NGOs).

Any other relevant information

None

FORM G Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex

German Federal Armed Forces are instructed to take all generic preventive measures aimed at minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war with regard to the use of and the production or procurement of munitions in order to achieve the highest possible reliability.

German Federal Armed Forces are instructed to procure only munitions with the highest possible reliability and safety design requirements.

Any other relevant information

None

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

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

All soldiers of the Federal Armed Forces receive instructions in international law. This training is conducted in the military units by superiors and legal advisers and at the Federal Armed Forces Schools and Academies by law scholars.

Military manuals and orders concerning training and instruction in this respect are revised.

Measures dealing with the clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war, as well as the recording, retaining and transition of any information are part of the individual military training.

Any other relevant information

None

FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party:GERMANY.....

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N/A

Any other relevant information

Germany has signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo on 3 December 2008 and has started ratification procedures in January 2009.

It is envisaged to deposit the German Ratification Note at the United Nations Office in New York before summer 2009.