
PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES,
BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED
TO 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
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)

Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2,
pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document,
CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY	<u>The Republic of Lithuania</u>
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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged

Form E: International technical information exchange,
co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation
and assistance:

changed
 unchanged

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged

Form G: Information to the UN-database on
mine clearance:

changed
 unchanged

Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ...
13 / 4 / e on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

Remark:

High Contracting Party Republic of Lithuania reporting for time period from 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011

International assistance

Although Lithuania has emerged as a donor state only around 2004, a substantial part of our international assistance was channelled to projects related to international mine action, including activities related to reduction of harm caused by UXOs and ERWs.

Lithuanian contribution to international disarmament projects in 2011:

Activity, funding and/or in-kind contributions	Implementing organisation or agency	Date	Contribution
Explosive remnants of war clearance and medical rehabilitation support to Georgia project (Georgia III)	NATO / NAMSA	2011	28 689 EUR
De-mining and UXO clearance, province of Ghor, Afghanistan	Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team	2011	In-kind
Mine and UXO Clearance Project in Afghanistan	United Nations Mine Action Service	2011	3000 USD

International efforts on ERWs and antipersonnel landmines

At the 4th Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW Convention held in Geneva from 14th to 25th of November 2011 Lithuania was appointed the Vice-President of the Conference and the Vice- Chairman of the Main Committee II.

At the 10th Member State Parties (MSP) meeting of the AP Mine Ban Convention on 29 November – 3 December 2010 Lithuania was appointed the Co-Chair of the Standing Committee for Stockpile Destruction until the next MSP in November 2011. Lithuania acted in this capacity in 2008 and was a co-rapporteur of this Committee in 2007 and 2010.

The main goals of the Lithuanian Co-Chair included:

1. encouraging states to meet their obligation under AP Mine Ban Convention in destroying stockpiles of anti-personnel mines as soon as possible;
2. encouraging these countries to report on their progress as often as possible;
3. standing ready to facilitate any informal consultations between these states and possible donors on issues of cooperation and assistance.

Form F **Other relevant matters**

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository
13 / 4 / f ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.

Remark:

High
Contracting Republic of reporting for time
Party Lithuania period from 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011

National efforts to reduce ERW contamination

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). Engineering battalion of the Lithuanian Armed Forces is tasked to clear and destroy the explosives.

In 2007 the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War and the Plan of Implementing Measures for the Programme for the years 2007-2018 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The Programme explains the origins and current scope of a problem and sets the objective to ensure that ERWs are found, their potential threat to people prevented and adverse effects to private and public activities minimised. The tasks for the attainment of this objective include: examination and evaluation of the threat, drafting and amending relevant legislation, carrying out of clearance and cooperation with international community.

The Implementation Framework of this Programme was approved on 29 January 2008 by the Order of the Minister of National Defence:

Full text of the Programme and the Plan of Implementing measures is available on-line:

In English, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=312266

In Lithuanian,

[http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=297014&p_query=&p_tr2=.](http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=297014&p_query=&p_tr2=)

Full text of the Implementation Framework is available on-line:

In Lithuanian,

http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=314358&p_query=&p_tr2=

All special tasks (such as collection and analysis of information on polluted territories from historical sources and archives; creation of data base on ERW issues; creation of digital and ordinary maps of territories contaminated with ERW; drafting or amending of relevant legislation etc.) set out in the Programme in preparation for clearance activities were successfully implemented.

Marking and clearance activities started in summer 2008. Till the end of 2011 Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD platoon checked and cleaned over 70 ha of polluted territories and found over 10 500 pieces of different explosive ordnance (mortar, anti-vehicle and anti-personnel mines, shells, grenades, aviation bombs, ammunition etc.).

Lithuanian lead Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in province of Ghor (Afghanistan) is part of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) operation in Afghanistan. During the period of 2006-2011 Lithuanian AF EOD team in PRT destroyed over 24 900 pieces of different explosive ordnance.