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)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: POLAND

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: 30/03/2015

(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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□ NO

□ Partially, only the following forms: A □ B □ C □ D □ E □

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

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:

1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
(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.
SUMMARY SHEET

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

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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;"

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☑ 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: 2014

☐ 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: 

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:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed in the international humanitarian law including the rules set by the CCW Protocols. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:
- Military Academies and Officer's Schools curriculums for professional officer candidates and courses dedicated specifically for military commanders and legal advisors - by law scholars;
- training centers of all armed services for warrant officers and non-commissioned officers;
- the routin process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the IHL norms and regulations;

Moreover training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of the personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before being sent abroad.

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

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) under the auspices of the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross (PRC), which operates from 1977 is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contains a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The library is available to students and post-graduates in law, political sciences and international relations, as well as secondary school students and PRC workers and volunteers from across the country. During 2014, the PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized a number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them were on topics which focused on legal aspects of landmines (including II Protocol to CCW). It is worth mentioning a few of the most important ones:
- XVIII Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict in Radziejowice – an annual 4-day course for law and international relations students from civil and military universities, representatives of the Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers. Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major polish Universities and Armed Forces. One evening session of the course was devoted to the issue of landmines in Poland;

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- lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by National Defence Academy – several times during 2014;
- lecture by a PRC representative during the CIMIC course in Military Training Center for Foreign Operations in Kielce;
- continuation of a e-learnig course “We discover humanitarian law” targeted at teachers of basic and secondary schools; the project started on the 15th Sep 2013;
- organization of the annual Professor Remigiusz Bierzank Competition for the best Ph.D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (seventeen editions of the competition have been held to date);
- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including assessment of applications for use of the emblem and interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale;
- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including initiatives on promotion and dissemination of IHL, networking and knowledge sharing and publication and promotion of books.

Any other relevant information:

none
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;"

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☒ 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:

In 2014 the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued its support in the area of development cooperation to Laos providing assistance in ERW and mine-affected areas. A total of 17,550,00 USD was donated to support education efforts - community awareness - within the scope of UXO National Program (UXO Lao).

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war. Particularly, the Polish Engineering Forces personnel being engaged in stabilizing missions in Afghanistan and Mali, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations - additionally to their mandatory tasks. These activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the local communities.

A total of 48 Polish deminers were directly involved in demining and clearing activities in missions abroad. They identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

Under the auspices of EU — EUTM Mali:
- 16 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
- 14 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 4 pcs of unexploded ordnance;
- 41 pcs of various types of munitions.

Under the auspices of NATO — ISAF Afghanistan:
- 2 pcs of air bombs;
- 501 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
- 946 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 17,909 pcs of various types of munitions;
- 44 pcs of elements of EOD;
- 1,456 kg of explosives.

The Polish Engineering Forces personnel have not organized any training specifically directed to local population, but CIMIC (Civil - Military Cooperation) teams, MAT and PAT (Military and Police Advisory Teams) executing their mandatory tasks permanently conducted awareness training for the local population on the ERW threat.

The total cost of the above mentioned activities has been estimated to be about 105 000 Euro.

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International technical assistance:

Any other relevant information: