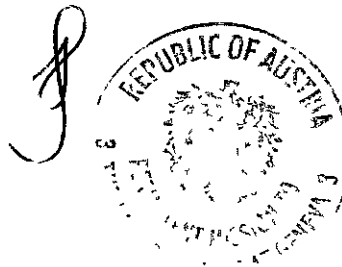


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The Permanent Mission of Austria presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to herewith submit the national report of Austria pursuant to the reporting requirements under **Protocol V** of the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (**CCW**).

The Permanent Mission of Austria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 4 April 2013



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**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:

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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: AUSTRIA

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

Not applicable.

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: AUSTRIA

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

In the case of use of explosive ordnance in armed conflict, the disposal would be recorded according to normal military procedures. The recorded information would be kept as long as explosive ordnance is in the field, and would be made available according to the obligations under Art. 4.

Any other relevant information:

Ammunition and explosive ordnance for military exercise and training only will be used in permanent military training areas, temporarily marked and secured areas or in other marked and secured areas including live-firing ranges. These areas are governed by a permanent, standardized information record on the use of ammunition and explosive ordnance to be used at these sites. Generally, Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), if it occurs, will be destroyed immediately or marked first and destroyed later on.

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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

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

Not Applicable.

Any other relevant information:

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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: AUSTRIA

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Not Applicable.

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: AUSTRIA

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

Austria does not seek assistance with respect to existing ERW.

Any other relevant information:

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

The Austrian Armed Forces (AAF) act in a wide field of co-operation with other national and international organizations (governmental, including other Armed Forces, and non-governmental), to provide assistance in reducing the number of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) and attend or conduct trainings, exercises and courses. On demand or upon request the AAF can provide a minimum of one Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon (EOD Platoon) ready to be deployed for missions abroad on a sixty day early warning base (high readiness). Additionally the AAF can assist with highly trained Instructors for Mine Risk and Mine Awareness Trainings nation- and worldwide.

Any other relevant information:

The Austrian Armed Forces (AAF) are very well experienced in providing Mine Risk Education (MRE) and other similar training programs, countering the threat of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), for civilians and/or local organizations in post conflict scenarios.

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

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

To assure the safety of all personnel within the AAF and according to AAF rules and regulations, it is not allowed to manipulate/handle ammunition and/or Explosive Ordnance without receiving pre proper/required theoretical and/or practical instructions and training. The AAF uses state of the art storage facilities and employs appropriate stockpile management measures as well as certain surveillance procedures. The AAF have implemented the rules and regulations of the “Accord européen relative au transport international des marchandises Dangereuses par Route, (ADR)” and the International Air Transport Association/ Dangerous Goods Regulations (IATA/ DGR).

Any other relevant information:

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

High Contracting Party: AUSTRIA

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

All necessary instructions, curricula or other required and relevant regulations are provided by the therefore responsible departments/divisions/sections within the “Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung und Sport“, BMLVS (Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sport, MoDS).

Any other relevant information:

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: AUSTRIA

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Any other relevant information:

Since January 2008, Austrian national law has banned the production, transfer and use of cluster munitions. Furthermore, Austria is a party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which entered into force on 1 August 2010, introducing a comprehensive ban of cluster munitions for the States parties to the convention. Following the ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Austria had all stocks of relevant ammunition destroyed by November 2010. Any further reporting on this subject will be performed within the applicable scheme.