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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:

A B C D E F G H I

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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 Bulgaria

Reporting for time period from: 16 / 11 / 2006 to 31 / 05 / 2008
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

Bulgaria is not an ERW affected country.

Any other relevant information:

None.

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Bulgaria

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

N/A

Any other relevant information:

None

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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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Bulgaria

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

In the country explosive munitions are used only in specified areas (range; firing ground) possessed by the Bulgarian Armed Forces and designed for training purposes. These areas are marked and isolated from areas used by the civilian population.

Precaution measures for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of ERW are part of every military operation conducted by the Bulgarian Armed Forces and they are an integral part of MOU / ROE / SOPs for all international operations (out of the territory of the country) in which units of the Bulgarian Armed Forces take part.

Any other relevant information:

None

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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: Republic of Bulgaria

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Precaution measures for the protection of humanitarian missions and organisations from the risks and effects of ERW are an integral part of every military operation conducted by the Bulgarian Armed Forces. See report in Form C.

Any other relevant information:

None

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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: Republic of Bulgaria

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

None

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

High Contracting Party: Republic of Bulgaria

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

None

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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:

The Bulgarian Armed Forces are instructed to take all generic preventive measures aimed at minimizing the occurrence of ERW with regard to the use, the production or acquisition of munitions in order to achieve the highest level of reliability.

The existing explosive munitions possessed by the Bulgarian Armed Forces are managed and stockpiled in a manner that ensures their reliability.

Any other relevant information:

None

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

The Bulgarian Armed Forces receive instructions related to the relevant provisions of this Protocol as a part of their International Humanitarian Law Training, which is conducted in the military units, at the National Military University and at the Defense and Staff College.

The Bulgarian Armed Forces are in the process of establishing EOD units and EOD Command and Control (C2) system. Military EOD doctrine, manuals and orders concerning training are being elaborated.

Measures for clearance, removal or destruction of ERW as well as the recording, storage, warnings and marking are part of the individual military training and the military training of EOD field operators and EOD commanders.

Any other relevant information:

None

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FORM I: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

None.