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The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva and has the honour to enclose the CCW Protocol V Malta National Report covering the period 01/01/2011 – 31/12/2011.

The Permanent Mission of Malta avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 14 august 2012



**The Secretariat**

United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs  
Palais des Nations  
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**SUMMARY COVER PAGE  
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V <sup>1</sup>**

**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** Republic of Malta

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<b>Form A:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form B:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form C:</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form D:</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form E:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form F:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form G:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form H:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form I:</b> Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2007)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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, 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)

HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: REPUBLIC OF MALTA

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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

**- PROTOCOL V -**

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

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**Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:**

The Republic of Malta since gaining its Independence has never been at war or experienced conditions of armed conflict on its territory, strictly by sole virtue of definitions 2 and 5 of Article 2 of the Protocol.

However due to the fact that Malta played an important role in the Second World War, its territory and internal waters are likely to contain further unexploded ordnance (UXO) and existing explosive remnants of war (ERW).

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Troop of the Armed Forces of Malta was set up primarily to deal with UXOs and ERWs. This specifically incorporates the clearance, removal or destruction of any explosives found.

**Any other relevant information:**

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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

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

There were no instances where the Armed Forces of Malta were required to record, retain or transmit information on the use of or abandonment of explosive ordnance in accordance with Article 4 of the said Protocol.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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:

Since the Republic of Malta has not been engaged in any type of conflict since the Second World War, the Armed Forces of Malta were not required to take steps to implement the said provisions.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Since the Republic of Malta has not been engaged into an armed conflict there was no need to take the required steps to implement the provisions for protection towards humanitarian missions and organisations.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

The Republic of Malta as a High Contracting Party has always managed to handle the minor scale problem of ERW/UXOs (normally executed by the Armed Forces of Malta Ammo and Explosives, Storage & Disposal Squadron); the recourse of seeking and receiving assistance from other High Contracting Parties, states non-party and relevant international organisations is not required.

Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.



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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:**

To date the Armed Forces of Malta, does not have the additional resources to provide assistance for the marking and clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war outside the territories of Malta.  
The Armed Forces of Malta will review its position on the matter from time to time.

**Any other relevant information:**

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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:**

With respect to munitions management, the Armed Forces of Malta takes note of and implements the practices to which the Republic of Malta has expressed its consent to be bound. The Armed Forces of Malta abides by established best practices that are reviewed periodically and shall ensure that, the relevant provisions of the Technical Annex of Protocol V are met.

**Any other relevant information:**

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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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 Armed Forces of Malta makes sure that those personnel directly involved in ERW/UXO recovery and disposal, are issued with appropriate instructions, operating procedures and receive training consistent with the relevant provisions of this Protocol.  
Furthermore, soldiers from the Armed Forces of Malta, who participate in Peace Support Operations abroad, shall be briefed on the core issue and practices of Protocol V.

**Any other relevant information:**

The Armed Forces of Malta has nothing further to report on this matter.

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**FORM I:** Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

The Armed Forces of Malta has no further relevant information to report.