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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**

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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**

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

Latvia is not contaminated by ERW, therefore not applicable.

**Any other relevant information:**

The Republic of Latvia has no ERW contaminated areas that fall under provisions of the Protocol as unexploded remnants from the First World War and the Second World War as well as those left by Soviet Army existed before entry into force of the Protocol.

ERW detected by civilians is reported to local police authorities and National Armed Forces (NAF). The Law on Pollution of 20 November, 2001 and relevant Cabinet of Ministers Regulations set an obligation to inhabitants and proprietors to inform regional environment agencies on unidentified contaminated areas detected. Former military territories have been identified by Ministry of Environment and included in register of polluted areas where database of the Ministry of Defence is also integrated. The register of polluted and potentially polluted territories is held by the Ministry of Environment, whereas the Ministry of Defence provides its acknowledgment as concerns territory contamination with ERW.

NAF is in charge of land clearance from those unexploded remnants that still can be found in considerable quantity. In 2005, with an aim to enhance resource capacity to diminish risks posed by explosive remnants Ministry of Environment prepared a situation assesment report, containing proposals to establish a cooperation mechanism between state institutions and public with regard to identification and neutralising explosive remnants of war. Based on this assesment, ammendments were introduced in of the Law on Pollution (25 October, 2007) and accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No 671 on Procedure on licencing of entrepreneurs for inventory and rehabilitation of contaminated and potentially contaminated areas were approved in 25 August 2008. Regulations, inter alia, include provisions that authorise certified entrepreneurs to carry out the following actions: area examination, search, identification, collection, storage of ERW, excluding actions of purely military nature, such as neutralising, transporting and destruction of ERW. Licences to such entrepreneurs are issued by the Ministry of Defence.

Institutions that are involved in providing security to the civilians are National Armed Forces and local police forces. According to Ministry of Interior Regulations No 10 of February 27, 2009, in cases of threat of explosion, explosion or detection of an improvised explosive device and unexploded ordnance the State police immediately contacts NAF Unexploded Ordnance Disposal Unit and informs Joint Operations staff.

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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:

Latvia is not contaminated by ERW, therefore not applicable.

Any other relevant information:

See report Form A.

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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:

Latvia is not contaminated by ERW, therefore 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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

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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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

None

Any other relevant information:

None

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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:

None

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:

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Any other relevant information:

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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:

Latvia was in compliance with provisions of the Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (Protocol V) already at the moment it was ratified by the Latvian Parliament in 19 July, 2009.

Any other relevant information:

None

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**FORM I:** Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

The Protocol entered into force for Latvia on 16 March, 2010.