CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)

PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

(PROTOCOL V)

SUMMARY COVER PAGE

OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: GERMANY

REPORTING PERIOD: 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

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

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

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 ERW

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

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

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

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- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

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- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

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

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2009)
- non applicable

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

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- non applicable

Form I: Other Relevant Matters

- changed
- unchanged (last reporting: 2009)
- non applicable

1 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.
CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)

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REPORTING FORMS

Pursuant to Article 10 (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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Germany is a High Contracting Party to the CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW) and all its Protocols I to V. Germany has ratified Protocol V to the CCW on 11 February 2005. Protocol V entered into force for Germany on 12 November 2006. The deadline for submission of the annual report of Germany is 31 March 2011.

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

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Germany is not an ERW affected country.

In theatres of operations, German Federal Armed Forces do not exercise control of the territory.

Thus, no special steps had to be taken to implement the obligations for clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war on a national level.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM B  Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

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

In the reporting period German Federal Armed Forces were part of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Protocol V does not apply to explosive remnants of war in Afghanistan because this State is not a party to Protocol V.

However, in the ISAF Regional Command North area of operation information on the use of explosive ordnance are recorded in battle damage reports which are being archived by the respective headquarters. These reports contain:

- the coordinates of areas targeted using explosive ordnance
- the approximative number of explosive ordnance used in these areas
- the type and nature of explosive ordnance used in these areas
- the results (success / failure) of the use of explosive ordnance
- the nature of detection of explosive ordnance used in these areas (e.g. on the ground; full motion video)
- the general location of unexploded ordnance.

Whenever combat actions occur, they will be recorded in the regional commands mission journal. The information will be provided to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

Any other relevant information

None
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: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

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

Precautions aimed at the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation conducted by German Federal Armed Forces.

In the reporting period, the German Federal Armed Forces were part of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Protocol V does not apply to explosive remnants of war in Afghanistan, as it is not a State party to Protocol V.

The civilian population very often informs our patrols about a discovery of unexploded ordnance. If deemed necessary, the EOD- personnel intervenes. There is a continuous information exchange between the civilian population, ANSF and ISAF.

It is a basic principle of the UNSC mandate for ISAF (protection of the civilian population), whenever explosive ordnance or unexploded ordnance are detected, they are reported to the tactical operations centre and removed immediately by explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams.

Any other relevant information

None
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: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

Precautions aimed at the protection of humanitarian missions and organisations from the effects of explosive remnants of war are an integral part of every military operation conducted by German Federal Armed Forces.

In the reporting period, the German Federal Armed Forces were part of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan. Protocol V does not apply to explosive remnants of war in Afghanistan, as it is not a State party to Protocol V.

In the reporting period, humanitarian missions or organisations and Afghan authorities/agencies have not requested information on the location of ERW from the German Federal Armed Forces operating in Afghanistan.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM E  Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Germany as a High Contracting Party of Protocol V of the CCW has provided assistance in dealing with problems posed by existing ERW where necessary and feasible.

Germany generally does not distinguish between mines and ERW when providing assistance to other states with both a landmine and ERW problem. In 2010, Germany funded 37 projects within 20 countries with a total amount of EUR 17,289,467.

In the reporting period, the following projects **with a primary focus on ERW clearance** were undertaken by Germany:

1. Vietnam (ERW clearance in the provinces of Hué and Quang Tri implemented by the German NGO “Sodi International”; EUR 936,726)
2. Laos (ERW clearance in the province of Luang Prabang implemented by the local organisation “UXO LAO”; EUR 250,000 and ERW clearance in the province of Bolikhambay implemented by the German NGO “Sodi International”; EUR 743,080)
3. Palau (ERW clearance implemented by the British NGO Cleared Ground Demining, EUR 70,352)
4. Sri Lanka (ERW clearance in the district Mallaitivu by the Swiss NGO Fondation Suisse de Deminage, EUR 586,731)

Any other relevant information

None
FORM F  Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

Germany as a High Contracting Party of Protocol V of the CCW has provided assistance in dealing with problems posed by existing ERW where necessary and feasible. Germany generally does not distinguish between mines and ERW when providing assistance to other High Contracting Parties with both a landmine and ERW problem. Most assistance by Germany contains a Mine and ERW Risk Education component.

In the reporting period Germany has supported the following projects which focussed primarily on Victim Assistance and Risk Education:

1. Colombia: Victim Assistance and Risk Education implemented by the local Colombian NGO “Mi Sangre”, German NGO’s Handicap International e.V. and Caritas e.V. EUR 229,796
2. Colombia: Establishment of the Orthopedic Technique Branch at the Don-Bosco-School, implemented by CIM, EUR 40,000
3. Colombia: Establishment of a training course for Orthopedic Technicians according to IPSO II, implemented by CIM, EUR 75,000
4. Bosnia and Herzegovina: Victim Assistance implemented by ITF, EUR 109,000
5. Somalia / Somaliland: Victim Assistance implemented by the German NGO Handicap International e.V., EUR 55,170
6. Sri Lanka: Victim Assistance implemented by the German NGO Johanniter Unfallhilfe e.V., EUR 105,216
7. Angola: Advanced Education of orthopedic technicians, implemented by CIM, EUR 55,000
8. Kenia, Rwanda, Uganda, Sambia: Specialized Alumni-Programme for Orthopedic Technicians, (e-learning measure), EUR 20,000

Any other relevant information

None
FORM G  Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

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

German Federal Armed Forces are instructed to take all generic preventive measures aimed at minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war with regard to the use of and the production or procurement of explosive ordnance in order to achieve the highest possible reliability.

German Federal Armed Forces are instructed to procure only explosive ordnance with the highest possible standard of reliability, serviceability and safety design requirements.

Every step in the procurement process is registered, controlled and documented.

A new explosive ordnance type is introduced in the German Federal Armed Forces after the successful completion of a series of national tests. Each explosive ordnance must be type-qualified before use. Depending on the type of the explosive ordnance, testing is carried out at regular intervals.

Handling and storage of explosive ordnance is regulated by national policies and procedures.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM H  Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

High Contracting Party: GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

All soldiers of the German Federal Armed Forces receive instructions in international humanitarian law. This training is conducted in the military units by superiors and legal advisers and at the German Federal Armed Forces Schools and Academies by law scholars.

Military manuals and orders concerning training and instruction in this respect are revised.

Measures dealing with the clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war, as well as the recording, retaining and transition of any information are part of the individual military training.

Any other relevant information

None
FORM I  Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party:  GERMANY

Reporting for time period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010

N/A

Any other relevant information

Germany has signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo on 3 December 2008 and deposited the instrument of ratification at the United Nations Office in New York on July 8, 2009.