NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and has the honour to transmit herewith the CCW Compliance Report and the Annual Reports of Cyprus on the implementation of Protocols II and V of the said Convention, for the period 1.1-31.12.2016.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the to the Implementation Support Unit of the CCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 30 March 2017

To the
CCW Implementation Support Unit
United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs,
Geneva Branch
Office C.115, Palais des Nations
[Email: ccw@unog.ch]
PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTIONS ON
THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES
AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996
ANNEXED TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS
ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE
DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE
INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)
(Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2)

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY
CONTRACTING PARTY

DATE OF SUBMISSION 31/03/2017

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF CONTACT

This information can be made available to all interested parties and entries:

☐ YES

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Partially only the following forms:

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Form A

Dissemination of Information

Article 13 / 4 / a  "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary …… on:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population; “

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**Information to the armed forces**

The doctrine, all operational and training publications, as well as courses used in the armed forces of the Republic of Cyprus have been revised accordingly, in order to incorporate the requirements that emerged from the Amended Protocol II. The National Guard has informed accordingly, all personnel regarding the provisions set by the CCW and the Ottawa Convention, through a series of workshops designed to inform them on the new provisions.

**Information to the civilian population**

The civilian population of the island is informed through a series of training programs, designed and implemented by the Civil Defence Authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
Form B  

Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13 / 4 / b  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

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Mine clearance programmes

The Republic of Cyprus cleared all minefields in the area under its effective control, including within the buffer zone, by the 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2013, deadline set by the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC).

The only area in Cyprus where mined areas containing anti-personnel mines are known to exist is the part of its territory which remains under Turkish military occupation and which is not accessible to the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus. At least 20 minefields laid and maintained in the occupied areas by the Turkish forces are yet to be cleared of anti-personnel mines and one of them is situated within the buffer zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia.

The Republic of Cyprus, having taken concrete steps to ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines in the areas occupied by Turkey, submitted to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) information on 28 known minefields, which were laid prior to the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to information released by UNFICYP, those 28 minefields were subjected to a non technical survey by United Nations Mines Action Service (UNMAS) and according to its assessment only 3 of them require further technical survey.

While the Republic of Cyprus maintains jurisdiction over the whole of the island, it does not have effective control over those areas under Turkish military occupation, and is thus unable to fulfil its obligations stemming from the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) due to the fact that Turkey, forcefully denies the agents of the Republic access to the occupied areas. As a result, Cyprus requested and was granted an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines until July 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2019.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adopted the relevant legislation and laws, regarding the provisions required for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.
Form C  Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13 / 4 / c

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

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**Technical requirements**

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all the necessary steps to comply with the protocol's technical requirements. For this purpose, all minefields within the areas under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

**Any other relevant information**
Form D

Legislation

Article 13 / 4 / d

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

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High Contracting Party  Cyprus reporting for time 01-01-2016 to 31-12-2016

Legislation

The Republic of Cyprus has ratified the amended Protocol II and the additional Protocol IV of CCW (11th July 2003), as well as the Ottawa Convention (17th January 2003), and incorporated them into law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force from the 22nd of January 2004.
Form E  International technical information exchange, cooperation on Mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13 / 4 / e  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary...on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

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International Technical Information Exchange

Cyprus achieves international information exchange on mine clearance issues, through the participation of its representatives in international seminars and annual conferences held worldwide.

International Cooperation on Mine Clearance

Cyprus is closely collaborating with United Nations Mines Action Service and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, so as to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of demining. This cooperation has so far been successful, through the cooperation of the United Nations and the Republic of Cyprus.

Technical cooperation and assistance

NIL
Form F  Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f  "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary...on:

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Other relevant matters

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Form G  Information to the UN-Database on mine clearance

Article 13 / 4 / g  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary.... on:

(g) Information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance;

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The National Guard strives to keep informed on international practices and standards, equipment and methodologies, as regards modern mine clearance operations and technologies.

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