Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus
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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
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**SUMMARY COVER PAGE**

**OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V**

**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

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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 CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS**
- PROTOCOL V -

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 CYPRUS

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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

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

There are no areas affected with ERW in the territories under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus.
FORM B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 

01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

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

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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 CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

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

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A
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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:

N/A

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Any other relevant information:

N/A

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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
FORM E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

N/A

Any other relevant information:

N/A

FORM E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

N/A

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

N/A

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

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

The Republic of Cyprus strives to ensure optimal long-term reliability of all munitions in active service. In this framework, best practices and strict operating procedures are applied, with respect to stockpile management, transport, and handling. Moreover, all explosive munitions are stored in secure facilities, in order to ensure their optimal protection against undesired temperatures and humidity levels. In addition, munitions that have expired are duly characterized as surplus, and consequently destroyed and removed from active service. Furthermore, since the 1st of September 2014, the Centre for the Laboratory Testing of Gunpowder and Ammunition has commenced its operations. In this facility laboratory tests of ammunition propellants are conducted, according to international standards, in order to achieve their categorization based on quality. The tests are conducted on a priority basis, for the ammunition which is used in training activities, with the ultimate aim of conducting the appropriate tests on all the ammunition of the National Guard. At the same time, the procedures concerning the accreditation of the Centre are underway, according to the ISO17025 standard.

Any other relevant information:

N/A
FORM G: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:
The personnel of the National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus is continuously trained on the various safety and management aspects of munitions, in order to minimize the prospects of ERW being created. In addition, the appropriate doctrine, operational and training publications, as well as training courses utilized in the armed forces of the Republic of Cyprus, incorporate the requirements that arise from Protocol V.

Any other relevant information:
N/A
FORM H: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

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Any other relevant information:

N/A