COMPLIANCE

REPORTING FORMS

pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

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NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: POLAND

PARTY TO:
- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
- Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 28/03/2014

( NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

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 Partially, only the following forms: A B C D E

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

\(^1\) Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters."

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
Reporting period: from 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013

Form A: Dissemination of information:
- changed
- unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:
- changed
- unchanged
(last reporting year: 2012)

Form C: Legislation:
- changed
- unchanged
(last reporting year: 2012)

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
- changed
- unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form E: Other relevant matters:
- changed
- unchanged
(last reporting year: 2008)

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;"

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☒ additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2013

☐ additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed in the international humanitarian law including the rules set by the CCW Protocols. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:
- Military Academies and Officer's Schools curriculums for professional officer candidates and courses dedicated specifically for military commanders and legal advisors - by law scholars;
- training centers of all armed services for warrant officers and non-commissioned officers;
- the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the IHL norms and regulations;
Moreover training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of the personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before being sent abroad.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), which operates since 1977 is one of the bodies of the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross (PRC). It is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
The Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which includes a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The Library is available to students and post-graduates in law, political sciences and international relations, as well as secondary school students and PRC workers and volunteers from across the country. During the year 2013, the PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized a number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them were on topics which focused on legal aspects of landmines (including II Protocols to CCW). It is worth mentioning a few of the most important ones:
- XVII Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (15.04. – 19.04. 2013, Radziejowice) – an annual 4-day course for law and international relations students from civil and military universities, representatives of the Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers. Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major polish Universities and Armed Forces. One evening session of the course was devoted to the issue of landmines in Poland;
- lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by National Defence Academy – several times during 2013;
- signing of an agreement between the PRC and the Military Center of Citizen Education regarding future cooperation of those two institutions regarding IHL education;
- lectures by a PRC representative during the CIMIC course in Military Training Center for Foreign Operations in Kielce;
- organization of the II edition of e-learning course “We discover humanitarian law” targeted at teachers of basic and secondary schools. Program started at 15.09.2013;
- organization of the annual Professor Remigiusz Bierzanek Competition, the competition for the best Ph.D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (seventeen editions of the competition have been held to date);
- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including assessment of applications for use of the emblem and interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale;
- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including initiatives on promotion and dissemination of IHL, networking and knowledge sharing and publication and promotion of books.

Any other relevant information:

none
FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;"

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Additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2013

Additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

In 2013 the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued its support in the area of development cooperation to Laos by financing the activities of NGO UXO Lao (a local NGO providing assistance in ERW and mine-affected areas, including clearance). The project oversees the purchase of modern equipment to remove and destroy ERW and mines. Planned activities will help to reduce the number of accidents and victims of ERW. The project is the continuation of support for the Lao UXO. Since 2007 Polish assistance to Laos with regards to ERW (via local NGO) amounted to 83,500 Euro.

During 2013 Polish Armed Forces contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war. In particular, the Polish Engineering Forces personnel being engaged in stabilizing missions in Afghanistan and Mali, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations - additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the local communities.

A total of 76 Polish deminers were directly involved in demining and clearing activities in missions abroad in 2013 r. They identified and destroyed the following numbers of dangerous items:

- In the frame of EU – EUTM Mali:
  - 26 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
  - 36 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
  - 26 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
  - 2,456 pcs unexploded ordnance – various types of munitions.
- In the frame of NATO – ISAF Afghanistan:
  - 15 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
  - 8 pcs of air bombs;
  - 267 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
  - 638 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
  - 30,133 pcs unexploded ordnance – various types of munitions;
  - 44,559 kg of explosives.

The total cost of the above mentioned activities reached almost 370,000 Euro.
International technical assistance:

Any other relevant information: