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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Armenia to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe presents its compliments to the Permanent Delegations of the Participating States to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Center, and has the honor to submit the reply of the Republic of Armenia to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti- Personnel Mines for 2017.

The Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Armenia to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Delegations of the Participating States to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Center the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna, May 23, 2017

To All Permanent Delegations to the OSCE and the CPC

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## REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

### OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES 2017

#### **Part I**

**1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?**

Armenia has not yet signed the Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May, 1996.

**2. Please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.**

N/A

**If no:**

**3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II?**

Armenia's accession to the Amended Protocol II is contingent upon the readiness of other countries of the region to adhere to the Convention and comply with its regime.

**6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

Within the possibilities of its separate peacekeeping engineer battalion the Republic of Armenia is ready to extend assistance to other countries in their demining activities.

#### **Part II**

**7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?**

Armenia has not signed yet the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction. Armenia's accession to the Ottawa Convention, as it is in the above mentioned case of the CCW Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, is contingent upon the readiness of other countries of the region to adhere to the Convention and comply with its regime.

**8. (c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the**

**convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?**

Since Armenia is not a producer or exporter of anti-personnel landmines, and, as far as it has not yet acceded to the Ottawa Convention or the Amended Protocol II to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons, there is not any specific legislation on anti-personnel landmines.

**9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?**

The victims are under the protection of the Government. They receive financial assistance, stationary medical and rehabilitation treatment.

Treatment of victims under government contracts as well as financing of prosthetic care are also ensured by the Government.

**10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.**

By the U.S. assistance the Republic of Armenia has established a national demining center which has been transformed to a separate peacekeeping engineer battalion. The peacekeeping battalion needs assistance for modernizing its demining devices, in particular demining robots, armoured equipment, modern mine-detectors and equipment, systems of electronic destruction of improvised explosive devices of remote control are required which will reduce the risk of explosion while defusing mines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices.

**11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.**

Within the possibilities of its separate peacekeeping engineer battalion the Republic of Armenia is ready to extend assistance to other countries.

Assistance to other countries is also provided by the National Center for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise of Armenia which is designed, among other things, to train neighbor countries' engineers. Since the establishment of the National Center for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise, Armenia has expressed its readiness to participate in various humanitarian missions, and the Armenian engineer platoon took part in the stabilization and post-war rehabilitation efforts in Iraq till November 2008.

It is worth mentioning that the Center was co-operating with the OSCE Yerevan Office. The co-operation was aimed at improvement of capacities and professional skills of the Center. Unfortunately, as a result of Azerbaijan policy aimed at cessation of the humanitarian demining activities of the OSCE Yerevan Office and eventual closure of the Yerevan Office, humanitarian demining activities of the Office were ceased.

**OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR**

**1. Has your country notified the Depositary of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force? Is your country considering doing so?**

Armenia has not yet signed the Convention on Conventional Weapons and its Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War.

**4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.**

The Republic of Armenia expresses its readiness within the possibilities of the peacekeeping engineer battalion to extend assistance to other countries.