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*Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations,
OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna*

No: 1116/2024-MZV/VISM

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE in Vienna and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour, with reference to FSC.DEC/7/04, to provide Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines.

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 22 May 2024



To:

*all Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE
Conflict Prevention Centre*

Vienna

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

**To be submitted no later than 31 May of each year
(starting in May 2005)**

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)?

YES. The Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 was ratified and promulgated in the Czech Republic by the Act No. 21/1999 of the Collection of Laws and entered into force on 10 February 1999.

If yes:

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.

[In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report \(ANNEX 1\).](#)

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?

YES. The Ottawa Treaty is in the Czech Republic implemented by the Act No. 305/1999 of the Collection of Laws, on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and entered into force on 3 December 1999.

8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

[In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report \(ANNEX 2\).](#)

(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?

YES. In accordance with the Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than what a statute provides, the treaty shall apply. The Ottawa Treaty is in the Czech Republic implemented by the Act No. 305/1999 of the Collection of Laws, on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic No. 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws, includes paragraph No. 280, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of two years up to eight years.

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

NO. The Czech Republic is not a mine-affected country.

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

NO.

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

YES. The Czech Republic regularly provides financial contribution for mine action and clearance in order to minimize the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war (ERW). The Czech Republic in given period (Year 2023) provided financial contribution to:

- 1) **the Ottawa Treaty** on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty – 150,000 CZK;
- 2) **Bosnia and Herzegovina** through the International Trust Fund (ITF) – Enhancing Human Security – 300,000 CZK;
- 3) **Ukraine** through the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine – 500,000 CZK;
- 4) **Ukraine** through the World Food Programme (WFP) – Restoring livelihoods and revitalizing rural communities affected by mines and explosive remnants of war – 10,000,000 CZK.

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate between various ERW (mines, cluster munitions, EOD) in terms of assistance, above given information on assistance is also included in CCW Protocol II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

To be submitted on a voluntary basis along with the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines no later than 31 May each year.

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?

YES.

2. If yes, at what stage is the process?

In the Czech Republic the procedure of ratification of CCW Protocol V on ERW was completed on 12 May 2006 and the instruments of ratification were deposited with the Depositary on 6 June 2006. The Protocol V entered into force for the Czech Republic on 6 December 2006.

3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

NO. The Czech Republic is not an ERW-affected country.

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

YES. The Czech Republic regularly provides financial contribution for mine action and clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW, see above.

In the attached file you can find the latest Annual Report (ANNEX 3).

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS 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)**

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 21/03/2024

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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

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13,
paragraph 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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2023**
dd/mm/yyyy

to: **31/12/2023**
dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

Nothing to report.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

The Protocol on prohibitions or restrictions on the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices (Protocol II) as amended on 3 May 1996 was ratified and promulgated in the Czech Republic by Act No. 21/1999 of the Collection of Laws.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13,
paragraph 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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2023**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2023

dd/mm/yyyy

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

**Non-detectable mines (44,353 pcs of PP Mi-Na I) not fulfilling the requirements and
limitations in accordance with Protocol II were all destroyed in 1997.**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Nothing to report.

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Form D

Legislation

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (d)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2023**
dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2023
dd/mm/yyyy

LEGISLATION:

No change to the previous reports.

In accordance with the Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than that statute provides, the treaty shall apply. That means that the Convention and its annexed Protocols are self-executing in the Czech Republic.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic No. 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws includes paragraph No. 280, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of two years up to eight years.

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Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article 13,
paragraph 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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2023**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2023

dd/mm/yyyy

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Nothing to report.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Nothing to report.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

The Czech Republic in a given period provided financial contribution to:

- 1) the Ottawa Treaty on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty – 150,000 CZK;**
- 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina through the International Trust Fund (ITF) – Enhancing Human Security – 300,000 CZK;**
- 3) Ukraine through the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine – 500,000 CZK;**

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4) Ukraine through the World Food Programme (WFP) – Restoring livelihoods and revitalizing rural communities affected by mines and explosive remnants of war – 10,000,000 CZK.

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Form F Other relevant matters

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (f)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2023**

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2023

dd/mm/yyyy

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

Nothing to report.

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Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11,
paragraph 2,

“2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2023**

dd/mm/yyyy

to: **31/12/2023**

dd/mm/yyyy

MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

The engineer units of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic are equipped with the Midi-flail mine clearance system BOZENA 5 (hereinafter referred as BOZENA).

BOZENA is a tracked mechanical mine clearing machine remotely controlled by a transmitter with a range of 2,000 m, meant for clearing anti-personnel mines both pressure and tripwire fused and for anti-tank mines up to 9 kg of TNT charged. The system is suitable for clearing large mine affected areas. It can be road transported on trailer between working areas.

BOZENA is protected from detonations by an armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal covering, giving protection against damage from detonations.

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**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

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THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

State [Party]: THE CZECH REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023

1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Ministry of Defence, Supply Centres Hostašovice and Dobronín (Military unit number 5512)	PP-Mi-Šr	658	38/53	Used for the training in mine detection, mine clearance and mine destruction techniques by the Czech Armed Forces.
	PP Mi-Šr II	1,082	14/57	
TOTAL	-----	1,740		

1b. **Voluntary information** (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programmes or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialists are trained to detect and to destroy APMs.	The regular special courses to train and/or educate current and new EOD personnel.	"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use".

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

State [Party]: THE CZECH REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Steps taken to implement provisions of Article 6:

The Czech Republic in given period provided financial contribution to:

- 1) **the Ottawa Treaty** on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty – 150,000 CZK;
- 2) **Bosnia and Herzegovina** through the International Trust Fund (ITF) – Enhancing Human Security – 300,000 CZK;
- 3) **Ukraine** through the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine – 500,000 CZK;
- 4) **Ukraine** through the World Food Programme (WFP) – Restoring livelihoods and revitalizing rural communities affected by mines and explosive remnants of war – 10,000,000 CZK.

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate among various ERWs (mines, cluster munitions, EOD) in terms of assistance, above given information on assistance is also included in CCW P-II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

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**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: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: 21/03/2024

(dd/mm/yyyy)

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

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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: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

Some explosive remnants of war (ERW) from World War II can occur on the whole territory of the Czech Republic. They are disposed by the trained government police specialists.

As for the application of the "explosive ordnance" of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic, the ERW can arise during the training of military units only. Each training using live ammunition is under record and has specific rules. Only tested ammunition by the Ammunition Testing Centre (part of the Logistics Agency) can be used for the training of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.

In case of potential failure of live ammunition the disposal of ammunition is carried out by Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialists/pyrotechnics and in specific cases (rockets, aerial bombs, artillery ammunitions, etc.) are supervised by military EOD committee or by the specialists from the Ammunition Testing Centre. Every time a disposal is finished, there is an inspection of the place of disposal performed. Overall cleaning of the training areas, especially the firing ranges, is performed by the specialists.

The live firing is supervised by a target area observer collecting and then providing the available information (according to the real situation) to the commander controlling the exercise and to EOD specialists/pyrotechnics.

According to this information, they search and dispose the unexploded ammunition. The rest of unused ammunition is returned to the ammunition base.

According to the real situation, each piece of ammunition during the live firing exercise should be under control, so each of them is recorded to the special form.

One of the safety precautions introduced by the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic in the field of ERW relates to handover of former military installations for its future civilian use. Before handover these installations are carefully searched with a specific attention to a potential existence of ammunition and/or ecological disturbance.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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

High Contracting Party: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

The records related to usage of the "explosive ordnance", which could potentially become ERW, are kept by logisticians. These records are periodically handed over to the central evidence of the Logistics Agency through the logistic authorities. The database is an internal document of the logistic authorities of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.

Technical Information Support Centre (CTIP) operates as a national EOD centre for sending and retaining all the reports related to overall EOD activities (not only such as incidents, findings or disposals but also training related activities). CTIP is located at the 15th Engineer Regiment.

CTIP is also registered as a technical-information centre of file of experts and experts agencies (Protocol II CCW, form G) and it is a partner for cooperation with the State Police specialists.

CTIP uses the EOD information system based on Swedish information system EOD (EOD IS), which is established approximately in 16 NATO nations and PfP countries. Credible and accurate information about the ammunition are the most important for EOD operations and by the means of EOD IS can be collected, shared and distributed to or exchanged among EOD staff worldwide. The database exists in electronic form and serves for assesment. In addition, it is used as a tool for improvement of level of the EOD experts' training.

Police experts of the Czech Republic secure a potential ERW appearance in civil areas.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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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: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic No. 40/2009 of the Collection of Laws includes paragraph No. 280, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of two years up to eight years.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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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

High Contracting Party: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Nothing to report.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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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: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

The Czech Republic in a given period provided financial contribution to:

- 1) the Ottawa Treaty on activities of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in the framework of the Ottawa Treaty – 150,000 CZK;
- 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina through the International Trust Fund (ITF) – Enhancing Human Security – 300,000 CZK;
- 3) Ukraine through the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine – 500,000 CZK;
- 4) Ukraine through the World Food Programme (WFP) – Restoring livelihoods and revitalizing rural communities affected by mines and explosive remnants of war – 10,000,000 CZK.

Since the Czech Republic does not differentiate among various ERWs (mines, cluster munitions, EOD) in terms of assistance, the above given information on assistance is also included in CCW P-II, APLC and CCM reporting forms provided by the Czech Republic.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

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: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

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The Czech Republic did not have any ERW victims.

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

Nothing to report.

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FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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

General preventive measures with respect to the minimalisation of ERW are contained in the Czech national laws and regulations issued by government authorities. Generally, these measures aim to control production processes, munitions management, training of personnel and transfer. These laws and regulations are compatible with the relevant EU directives.

Government authorities cooperate and complement each other in this sphere. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defence are most closely involved in such cooperation.

National laws and regulations are published in the Collection of Laws which is publicly available at Ministry of Interior official web site: www.mvcr.cz. Legal Acts and regulations forming legal basis for national control system can also be found on the websites of the relevant competent ministries.

The applicable laws and regulations are the following:

- o Act No. 119/2002 Coll., on Firearms, as amended;
- o Act No. 156/2000 Coll., on Verification of Firearms and Ammunition, as amended;
- o Act No. 61/1988 Coll., on Mining Activity and Explosives and on State Mining Administration, as amended;
- o Act No. 219/1999 Coll., on Armed Forces of the Czech Republic, as amended.

These acts are further accompanied by their implementing regulations.

Any other relevant information:

Based on our experience, Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation (PPS) can be characterised as a process of search, detection and destruction of ammunition and elements of ammunition in the target and endangered areas of the former fire ranges, and remains of ammunition left or dumped in ammunition dumps, buildings or open terrain. An unexploded ordnance (UXO) from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which was deployed there until 1989, could be found on the territory of the Czech Republic.

Mine clearance programmes: PPS in the former military zones was finished in March 2004.

Explosive ordnance disposal operations: within the Czech Republic, the EOD operations on finding of ERW are done by EOD specialists of the Czech Republic's Police.

National laws of the Czech Republic regulate EOD service of the Police of the Czech Republic. EOD service of Military Police is regulated by Act No. 300/2013 of the Collection of Laws, on

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Military Police, as amended, and additional internal standards. EOD service of Military Police fulfils the tasks of police protection of the armed forces and of state property administrated or maintained by the Ministry of Defence. EOD specialists of Military Police also operate with military contingents of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic that are deployed abroad where they cooperate with engineer units.

Chief of the Military Police is directly subordinated to the Minister of Defence.

On January 1, 2016, the Military Training Area Brdy was abolished by Act No. 15/2015 of the Collection of Laws, on the border military districts. The process of search, detection and destruction of UXO in this area was completed.

Soldiers from the pyrotechnic cleansing detachment of the 15th Engineer Regiment completed the pyrotechnic sanitation (the recovery and final disposal of unexploded ordnance or munitions) of the Brdy Protected Landscape Area on which they had been working on since 2012. In total, the disposal squad discovered and neutralised 9,848 pieces of artillery shells, rockets and tank ammunition which were on or beneath the ground surface, and originated primarily from the former Warsaw Pact troops taking part in training exercises, etc. after WWII.

Although Brdy Protected Landscape Area was established in January 2016, the entire area will not be open to the public. There are six locations which will remain permanently closed, which include inaccessible target impact areas.

In this regard, on 9 October 2017 the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic issued a Provision, which established temporarily no-go zones within the Military Training Area Brdy until 31 December 2018 due to their pyrotechnic reconnaissance.

Based on findings of the pyrotechnic reconnaissance, the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic made a decision to continue and focus on in-depth reconnaissance 30 cm below the ground level. The in-depth reconnaissance showed a necessity to conduct in-depth sweeping of the most affected areas. The sweeping was conducted based on a provision restricting access and work in those areas, issued in 2020. The work continued throughout 2020-2021 with some limitations caused by COVID-19 pandemic. The in-depth sweeping is planned to last at least until the end of 2030.

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

High Contracting Party: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Reporting for time period from: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

The Convention and its Protocols I-IV were ratified and promulgated in the Czech Republic by Act No. 21/1999 of the Collection of Laws. Amended article I together with Protocol V were promulgated under Act No. 115/2006 of the Collection of International Treaties. The "Collection of International Treaties" is available to the public on official web site of the Ministry of Interior: www.mvcr.cz.

In addition to promulgation of the CCW Convention and its annexed Protocols in "Collection of International Treaties", these documents are also available to personnel of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic on the internal communication net of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic where they are included in the documentary database of treaties of the International Law Department and furthermore on specific intranet page dedicated to Law of Armed Conflict.

Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.

- PROTOCOL V -

FORM H: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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Any other relevant information:

Nothing to report.