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Annex

N o t e V e r b a l e

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE presents its compliments to the Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour, in reference to the decision No. 10/02 of the Forum for Security Co-operation, to provide herewith a reply of Austria to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and the Explosive Remnants of Wars.

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, Vienna, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 23 July 2024



To all
Delegations/Permanent Missions to the OSCE
To the Conflict Prevention Centre
Vienna

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES (FSC.DEC/7/04)

REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

Reporting Period: 1 January – 31 December 2023

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)?

Austria is a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW). The Amended Protocol II entered into force for Austria on 27 January 1999.

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.

See attached document.

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

Not applicable.

4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?

Not applicable.

5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.

No.

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

Yes. In addition to universalisation efforts concerning relevant international legal instruments in the area of mine action, cooperation and assistance is prioritised for partner countries being States Parties to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Ottawa Convention). For descriptions of assistance activities see recent report submitted by Austria in accordance with Article 7 of the Ottawa Convention, part "J" (attached).

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?

Austria ratified the Ottawa Convention on 29 June 1998. It consequently entered into force for Austria on 1 March 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.

See attached document.

(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?

Not applicable.

(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?

The Austrian Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines (Federal Law Gazette I 1997/13) prohibits production, procurement, sale, brokering, transfer, import, export, use and possession of anti-personnel mines.

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

See recent Austrian report under Art. 7 of the Ottawa Convention (attached).

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. For a description of assistance activities related to this Protocol see recent report submitted by Austria in accordance with Article 7 of the Ottawa Convention, part "J" (attached).

**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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REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

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Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
Already prior to the entry into force of the Convention, the Austrian Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines came into effect. Art. 2 of the said bill prohibits the production, acquisition, sale, procurement, import, export, transit, use and possession of anti-personnel mines. According to Art. 4, the Federal Ministry of the Interior shall destroy existing stockpiles of anti-personnel mines within one month after the law's entry into force. The bill further imposes a penalty on whoever, even by negligence, contravenes the prohibitions of Art. 2 of the bill. Thus, the bill fully implements all prohibitions of the Convention.	The Convention entered into force for Austria as of 1 March 1999 (BGBl (Federal Law Gazette) III Nr. 39/1999). The Austrian Federal Law came into effect as of 1 January 1997 (BGBl I Nr. 13/1997).

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

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

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		The destruction of all anti-personnel mines belonging to the Austrian Armed Forces was completed in 1996.
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		-
-	-		-
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form C Location of mined areas

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

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: **AUSTRIA** reporting for time period from **01 01 2023** to **31 12 2023**

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
The territory of Austria does not contain any mined areas.				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
No areas in Austria are suspected to contain anti-personnel mines.				

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

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]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 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
Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence; Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior	-	-		While Art. 3 of the Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines authorises the retention of APMs for training purposes, neither ministry has retained APMs during the reporting period.
	-	-		
TOTAL	-----			

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

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
		"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 D (continued)

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
As above	-	-		-
TOTAL	-----			

3. **Compulsory:** Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
As above	-	-		
TOTAL	-----			

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

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

 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
-	-	No facilities had to be converted

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

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

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
No destruction during reporting period as the destruction of all APMs in the possession of Austria was completed prior to the entry into force of the Convention on the basis of the Austrian Federal Law on Anti-Personnel Mines.	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
No destruction during reporting period.	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

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

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		No destruction during reporting period.
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
-	-	No destruction during reporting period.
-	-	
TOTAL	-	

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

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

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

State [Party]: **AUSTRIA** reporting for time period from **01 01 2023** to **31 12 2023**

1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the 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".

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

[Narrative:]

As stated above, there are no mines-contaminated areas in Austria.

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]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2023 to 31 12 2023

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Austria provides assistance to mine action through bilateral and multilateral programmes and supports mine action activities of the European Union.

In 2023, Austria provided support in the amount of € 17.500,- to the Implementation Support Unit of the Mine Ban Convention, € 10.000 to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munitions Coalition (ICBL-CMC) in support of the Landmine/Cluster Munitions Monitor Report for 2023 as well as € 10.000 to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munitions Coalition (ICBL-CMC) in support of capacity-building projects for representatives of mine survivors in countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nepal, Senegal and Uganda.

In 2023, Austria supported the project „Mine Detection Dogs Program for ANAMA” with € 14.000. Furthermore, Austria supported the project “Psychosocial rehabilitations for children, victims of conflict in Armenia” with € 14.000. Both projects were implemented by ITF Enhancing Human Security.

Regarding mine action in Ukraine, Austria supported the project “Assistance for mine victims and information campaigns” with € 3.000.000 which was implemented by the ICRC. Additionally, Austria supported a demining project by WFP and FAO with € 4.000.000.

Austria has continued to provide mine/UXO clearance teams during this reporting period in the framework of EUFOR ALTHEA and KFOR. Training programmes on mines and UXO’s are implemented for all units conducting collective training as well as for all units during pre-deployment training for operations in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR ALTHEA) and Kosovo (KFOR).

Within the framework of the EU, Austria contributes to the financing of an Assistance Measure under the European Peace Facility aimed at enhancing and upgrading the capabilities of the Demining Battalion of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the provision of adequate equipment (2023-2025 overall financial contribution € 10 Mio. by EU, whereby the AT share is of approximately € 279.000).

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

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CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of AUSTRIA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: _____

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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

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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:

Republic of AUSTRIA

Reporting for time period

from: 01 01 2023

dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31 12 2023

dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

The information submitted in the report 1 January - 31 December 2007 remains valid. Austria considers that there is no further need for specific implementation measures flowing from the contents of the amended Protocol II with regard to anti-personnel mines and booby-traps due to the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and of the Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines (Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 13/1997). The destruction of stockpiles of anti-personnel mines was completed in 1995 and the use of booby traps was prohibited by Federal Act (see also remarks made under Form D). All existing regulations with regard to the provisions of amended Protocol II had been corrected by the end of 1999 on a provisional basis. Instruction and training of soldiers is ongoing and encompasses active personnel as well as non-active personnel when activated temporarily for routine military activities.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

There are no changes to the previous reports concerning the period 27 January 1999 to 31 December 2005. Since amended Protocol II has been implemented into Austrian law, its content is publicly available to the civilian population.

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Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (b)

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

As indicated previously, Austria is a non-mine-affected country (including mines, booby traps and other devices). Nevertheless UXO and APM discoveries, left from previous wars, do occur.

According to the Second Stability Act (2. StabG 2012, Federal Law Gazette I No. 35/2012 of 24 April 2012), the tasks of demining services (Entminungsdienst - EMD) are conducted under the Ministry of Defence. The legal basis are regulated in § 42, para. 5 and 6, Weapons Act 1996 (WaffG, Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 86/2000).

The demining service is an independent department within the Ministry of Defence and publishes an annual report on the discovered war material.

In the reporting period, the following types of ERW (regarding to internationally notifiable types of ammunition) were found and destroyed:

291 cluster bombs

5 anti-personnel mine

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

During the reported time period, there were no victims of mines, booby-traps or other devices in Austria. Despite this fact, Austria has developed and established a variety of acts and principles to ensure social security for victims and, depending on the particular situation, full rehabilitation.

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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:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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dd/mm/yyyy

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

The response given by Austria in its reports covering the period 27 January 1999 to 31 December 2007 remains valid for this reporting period. The Austrian Armed Forces do not possess mines, booby-traps and other devices which are not in compliance with the technical provisions of this Protocol or which would be in contradiction with the obligations from other international treaties. The Austrian Armed Forces will not use improvised explosive devices which are not in compliance with the technical provisions of this Protocol. The Austrian Armed Forces are prepared to record and mark locations of any weapons covered by this Protocol in accordance with the respective provisions.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

**Austria did not claim for deferment of compliance with respect to Art.2.c. and 3.c. of the Technical Annex.
There are no indications of Austrian companies producing weapons which are not in compliance with the provisions of amended Protocol II or which would violate other treaty obligations entered by Austria.**

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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:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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from: **01 01 2023**

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dd/mm/yyyy

LEGISLATION:

No changes to the previous reports: Amended Protocol II is an integral part of Austrian Law. The Protocol entered into force on 27 January 1999 (Federal Law Gazette III Nr. 17/1999).

In addition, the following legal instruments are applicable in Austria with regard to the use of certain weapons: Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines (Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 13/1997), the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Production, Stockpiling and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, the Geneva Conventions and their respective Protocols.

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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:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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to:

31 12 2023

dd/mm/yyyy

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

NIL

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Austria provides assistance to mine action activities through bilateral and multilateral programmes and supports mine action activities of the European Union. On a bilateral basis, during the reporting period Austria has contributed to mine clearance, mine awareness and mine victims assistance programmes/activities of international agencies and organisations or NGOs in Azerbaijan. Austria has also contributed to the programs and activities of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL).

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

Austria has continued to provide mine/UXO clearance teams during this reporting period in the framework of EUFOR ALTHEA and KFOR. Training programmes on mines and UXO's are implemented for all units conducting collective training as well as for all units during pre-deployment training for operations in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR ALTHEA) and Kosovo (KFOR).

Within the framework of the EU, Austria contributes to the financing of an Assistance Measure under the European Peace Facility aimed at enhancing and upgrading the capabilities of the Demining Battalion of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the provision of adequate equipment.

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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:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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from: **01 01 2023**

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to:

31 12 2023

dd/mm/yyyy

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

NIL

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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:

Republic of AUSTRIA

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

No changes since the reporting period 1 January to 31 December 2007.

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

In conformity with the reports of the previous years, governmental experts for humanitarian demining operations as well as for military mine clearance activities are principally members of the Austrian Armed Forces (AAF). About 100 persons are currently trained in accordance with international practices and standards for such operations. The deployment of such experts is decided strictly on a case by case basis in accordance with the rules regulating the operation of members of the Austrian Armed Forces abroad in accordance with Austrian constitutional and legal requirements. Operation teams can be composed up to five members (generally specialized in complementary capabilities). The following equipment is used for mine detection respectively mine clearance: SCHIEBEL MIMID AN-19/2, VALLON VMM3, VALLON VMCÖ1, FÖRSTER FEREX 4.032, CEIA Mild1, DOK-ING MV 4 Mine Clearing System, DOK-ING MV 10 Mine Clearing System (implementation process), HYDREMA 910 MCV (implementation process).

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