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Permanent Representation of the
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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe presents its compliments to all Permanent Delegations and Missions to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, and has the honor to provide herewith the response of the Netherlands to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of War.

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Delegations and Missions to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 25 July 2019



To:
All Permanent Delegations and Missions to the OSCE
OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

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

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.

- 2019:

[https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/C321A68C230B92B4C12583DD002E0E1B/\\$file/190329+CCW+AP+II+Report+Netherlands+-+summary+sheet+and+changed+forms.pdf](https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/C321A68C230B92B4C12583DD002E0E1B/$file/190329+CCW+AP+II+Report+Netherlands+-+summary+sheet+and+changed+forms.pdf)

- 2018:

[https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/A444EC7820BB4C02C12582670051CBE3/\\$file/2018_NationalReport_APIII_Netherlands.PDF](https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/A444EC7820BB4C02C12582670051CBE3/$file/2018_NationalReport_APIII_Netherlands.PDF)

If no:

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

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

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

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

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

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.

- 2018:
[https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/26BC43C1FDBD9AEDC125840100562285/\\$file/Netherlands+2018.pdf](https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/26BC43C1FDBD9AEDC125840100562285/$file/Netherlands+2018.pdf)
- 2017:
[https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/633B84A7A4E54396C12582870055902D/\\$file/NL+2017.pdf](https://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/633B84A7A4E54396C12582870055902D/$file/NL+2017.pdf)

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

(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?

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

NO specific measures. The Netherlands supports all five pillars of Mine Action and contributes to Victim Assistance through its funding towards several programmes, including the multi-annual, multi-country 'Mine Action and Cluster Munitions Programme 2016-2020' (HALO, MAG, DCA), and contributions to UNMAS and GICHD.

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. See also question 9. The Netherlands provides support for Mine Action through its programmatic funding. In 2018 this accounted for almost EUR 16 million. The multi-annual NGO programme includes activities in 14 countries and territories: Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, the Palestinian Territories, Mali, Somalia, Syria, South-Sudan, Kosovo, Yemen and Ukraine. In addition, the Netherlands supports the work of UNMAS (unearmarked Voluntary Trust Fund) and GICHD on a global level and in 2018 an additional earmarked contribution was made for UNMAS Afghanistan of EUR 3 million.

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?
2. If yes, at what stage is the process?
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. Not applicable.

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. See also question 9 in Annex 1. The Netherlands provides support for Mine Action through its programmatic funding, including activities focused on Survey and Clearance of ERW and ERW related Risk education activities. In 2018 this accounted to almost EUR 16 million.