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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Andorra to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe presents its compliments to all Delegations/Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and, in accordance with FSC.DEC/7/04, has the honour to transmit herewith Andorra's reply to the "OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War" for the reporting year 2020 and relevant attachments.

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Andorra to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Delegations/Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest considerations.



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Vienna

ANDORRA'S RESPONSE TO THE OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES - 2020

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)?

For the time being, the Principality of Andorra has not yet signed the 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), as amended on 3rd May 1996. It is under study.

2. If yes: 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.
3. If no: Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II?

For the time being, the Amended Protocol II is under study. Andorra has no major problem with this Protocol but due to its limited human resources and the list of Conventions under consideration the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cannot establish yet a calendar for the signature.

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

For the time being, no specific measures have been taken. There is no production, use or transfer of anti-personnel landmines in the territory of Andorra.

However in order to prevent and to repress any prohibited activity according to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their destruction, the Andorran Criminal Code is applied according to articles 259, 260, 261, 262, 267, 362 and 507.

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

For the time being, no assistance is required

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

No

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?

For the time being, the Principality of Andorra signed the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction in Ottawa on 3rd December 1997. The Convention was ratified on 29 June 1998, and it came into force on 1st 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.

The last report in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction was submitted by Andorra to the United Nations on June 2016 for the reporting period from January 2015 to December 2015.

- (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?

No specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines have been taken. There is no production, no storage or transfer of anti-personnel landmines in the territory of Andorra.

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

Andorra does not have any structure in place at national level. However, Andorra contributes through the United Nations to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for children in military conflict situation and to the "Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance" since 1998, as well as to the Mine Action activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (See detailed information in the Annex).

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

No assistance is required; there is no production, use, storage or transfer of anti-personnel landmines in the territory of Andorra.

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

Andorra has no technical expertise or capacity in mine actions. However, in order to contribute to the international efforts on this issue, Andorra contributed in 2016, 2017 and 2018 with 15.000 euros to the Mine Action activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Additionally, Andorra has contributed to the “Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance” since 1998 (See detailed information of these contributions in the Annex). Finally, Andorra contributes to the United Nations to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for children in military conflict situation.

Annex

ANDORRA CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINE ACTION PROGRAMES :

Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (UN)

YEAR	AMOUNT (in US Dollars)	AMOUNT (in Euros)
1998		8.586,60
1999		10.460,00
2000	11.100,00 USD	12.491,70
2001	11.750,00 USD	13.264,80
2002	12.925,00 USD	13.312,40
2003		14.217,00
2004		16.000,00
2005		20.000,00
2006		25.000,00
2007		26.000,00
2008		20.000,00
2009		20.000,00
2010		20.000,00
2011		15.000,00
2012		10.000,00
2013		15.000,00
2014	20.537,85 USD	15.000,00
2015		15.000,00
2016		15.000,00
2017		15.000,00
2018		15.000,00
2019		15.000,00
2020		15.000,00

Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for children in military conflict situation (UN)

YEAR	AMOUNT (in US Dollars)	AMOUNT (in Euros)
2005		21.000,00
2006		25.000,00
2007		27.000,00
2008		28.000,00
2009		28.000,00
2010		29.000,00
2011		25.000,00
2012		20.000,00
2013		25.000,00
2014		25.000,00

2015		25.000,00
2016		25.000,00
2017		25.000,00
2018		25.000,00
2019		25.000,00
2020		25.000,00

Activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross to Mine Action

YEAR	AMOUNT (in US Dollars)	AMOUNT (in Euros)
2016		15.000,00
2017		15.000,00
2018		15.000,00
2019		-
2020		-