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Permanent Mission
of the Republic of Poland
to the Organization for Security
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in Vienna

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic Poland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna presents its compliments to all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Center of the OSCE, and, with reference to FSC Decision No. 7/04, has the honour to herewith enclose an updated version of Polish response to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and on Explosive Remnants of War.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic Poland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Center the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Vienna, 18 May 2022



To:

**All Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE in Vienna
The Conflict Prevention Center**

Vienna

**COVER PAGE¹
OF THE ANNUAL ARTICLE 7 REPORT**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: POLAND

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<p>Form A: National implementation measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013)</p>	<p>Form F: Programme of APM destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form G: APM destroyed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form C: Location of mined areas: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form H: Technical characteristics: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form D: APMs retained or transferred: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2017) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form I: Warning measures: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>
<p>Form E: Status of conversion programmes: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>	<p>Form J: Other Relevant Matters: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable</p>

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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: POLAND

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 29/03/2022

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

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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:

POLAND

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2021

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2021

dd/mm/yyyy

INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

All military personnel of the Polish Armed Forces is instructed and trained in the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict including the rules set by the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols. The relevant information in this regard is disseminated in the framework of:

- **military and postgraduate studies, defence policy studies, operational-tactical studies, operational-strategic studies and qualification courses for officer candidates, officers, military commanders, military personnel and legal advisors organized by relevant Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools;**
- **training, special and qualification courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilian personnel realized in training centres of all armed services and in all military units;**
- **the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;**
- **military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the International Humanitarian Law norms and regulations.**

Training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before deployment.

Additionally, all soldiers and personnel deployed to the peacekeeping and stabilization missions take part in periodic training in the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict including the rules set by Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

Civilian students obtain relevant information concerning International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols) during optional or obligatory courses organized by Polish Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools. The Polish Naval Academy organized an annual scientific conference "International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflicts" (including CCW and annexed Protocols topics), the result of which was the publication of the monograph "International Humanitarian Law".

The Republic of Poland

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

Reporting period: 2021

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.

Please, find enclosed the report for the 2021 reporting period.

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.

Please, find enclosed the cover page of the Annual Article 7 Report for the 2021 reporting period.

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

Refer to 7 and 8.(a).

- (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?

In our initial report which is available at the following link:

<https://geneva-s3.unoda.org/artvii-database-dump/Poland/2013.pdf>

we listed the legal measures that were introduced to implement the Convention in Poland (Form A, “National implementation measures”).

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

No, but as far as Polish citizens are concerned general regulations exist. Mine/UXO survivors are entitled to the same standards of public healthcare as all other insured persons. Military casualties are entitled to medicine and orthopaedic equipment free of charge.

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.

Poland has some capacities in this respect but any such engagement would have to be subject to a specific request and additional arrangements.

The Republic of Poland

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

Reporting period: 2021

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?

Poland ratified PV on 26th September 2011 and in the following year it entered into force (26th March 2012).

Is your country considering doing so?

Refer to 1.

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

Refer to 1 and 2.

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.

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

Poland has some capacities in this respect but any such engagement would have to be a subject to a specific request and additional arrangements.