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
(CCW)

Reporting Formats
pursuant to the Decision of the Third Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance
mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II,
Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

PARTY TO:
X Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
□ Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
X Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
X Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
X Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
X Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
X amended Article I

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FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Lithuania

National efforts to reduce ERW contamination

As Lithuania is a mine free country no specific mine clearance programmes are required. However, there is a certain degree of contamination by explosive remnants of war (ERW) resulted from the First and the Second World Wars as well as pollution of former Soviet military bases.

In 2007 the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War for the years 2007-2020 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The primary objective of the Programme is to ensure that ERWs are found, their potential threat to people prevented and adverse effects to private and public activities minimised. The Programme deals with the widest possible range of ERWs, including anti-personnel mines, anti-vehicles mines and cluster munitions.

In 2013 the Programme was amended assigning more functions to the Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of Interior.

Lithuania started marking and ERW clearance activities in summer 2008. Engineer Battalion of the Armed Forces is tasked to clear and destroy the explosives.

In 2016 was checked and cleaned about 15 ha of polluted territories and found 2 630 pieces of different explosive ordnance. From 2008 till the end of 2016 Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD company checked and cleaned over 794 ha of polluted territories and found over 17 500 pieces of different explosive ordnance (anti-vehicle and anti-personnel mines, mortar, shells, grenades, cluster munitions, aviation bombs, ammunition etc.).