pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW 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 Korea

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

ACCEDED TO:
☒ The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2020 (dd/mm/yyyy)

(Note: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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☐ NO
☒ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☒

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
REPORTING PERIOD:

Form A: Dissemination of information:
- Changed
- Unchanged

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:
- Changed
- Unchanged

Form C: Legislation:
- Changed
- Unchanged

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
- Changed
- Unchanged

Form E: Other relevant matters:
- Changed
- Unchanged

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Korea

Reporting period: from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

☑ additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2019

☑ additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2019

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

- The ROK Ministry of National Defense (MND) had issued the “Act on the Regulation on the Use and Transfer of Conventional Weapons including Mines (hereafter CW Act)” which entered into force in 2001 to ensure that the armed forces are well aware of the Amended Protocol II and comply with the Act.

- From 25 to 28 February 2019, the ROK Army (ROKA) Engineer School, a professional institution, provided 15 army units including 183 BN of 1117 Engineer Corps with following courses: basic mine training, de-mining procedures, studies (including courses learning from experienced persons), safety measures, etc.

- In addition, from January to March 2019, each military unit ran its own step-by-step (preparatory-introductory-intermediate-advanced) training courses on de-mining.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

- For several years, in ROK, there was no newly laid mine. In case of existing mines, the ROK government have been taking all possible precautionary measures, including installing fences, signs and warnings and monitoring in accordance with the Article 7 of the CW Act, in order to protect civilians from the risks and effects of mines.

* Article 7 (Warning signs and Access Blocking Measures)
  (1) The head of a military unit having installed mines or head of a military unit with jurisdiction over an area which cause damage to civilians caused by mines (hereinafter referred to as "mine area") shall provide warning signs fulfilling requirements of attached Table around the area where the mines have been installed or the mine area.
  (2) The head of a military unit with jurisdiction over the area installed with antipersonnel mines not remotely detoured mines who have not fulfilled the requirements of the items of subparagraph 3 of Article 3 shall take measures sary for monitoring and blocking access by means other than warning signs under paragraph (1) in the area where the mines are installed so that civilians do not access the area. Provided, That this shall not apply where the angle of flying a s upon explosion of the antipersonnel mines is at a horizontal angle of 90 degrees or less, the use time of the antipersonnel mines is less than 72 hours, and the installation area adjoins the military unit which has installed the anti-personnel mines.
(3) No person may remove, damage, destroy or conceal the warning signs installed under paragraph (1) or harm the
thereof by other means.

Local troops in charge of the mine area are taking preventive measures such as installing warning signs (barbed wire,
notice board, etc) for the local residents to provide information about the mines and restricting their access to the area.

Any other relevant information:
FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Korea

Reporting period: from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

Additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: □

Additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: □

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

Nil

Any other relevant information:

Nil
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Korea

Reporting period: from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

☐ additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year

☐ additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

Nil

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

Nil
FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Korea

Reporting period: from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

☒ additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2019

☒ additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2019

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

- The ROK MND has been actively participating in the ASEAN Defense Minister Meeting (ADMM) - Plus EWG (Expert Working Group) on Humanitarian Mine Actions (HMA) as part of the cooperative programs in the ADMM-Plus format.

  - From 26 to 29 March, 2019, the EWG on HMA was held in Indonesia with 18 member states. Participants shared trends in respect of removing land mines and UXOs, affirmed joint response system on security issues, and established collaborative relationships for sharing each state's policy on removal of land mines and UXOs as well as new technology.

International technical assistance:

- The ROK Government’s support on Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar in their various projects for removal of landmines and UXOs are as follows:

  - Dispatching ROK military experts to participate in the assessment team for Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)'s 'Capacity Building Projects for the Removal of Landmines/UXOs and Integrated Response in Vietnam & Laos.' (2-13 July 2019, Vietnam/Laos)

    - To assess mine actions related policy and examined implementation progress of the removal programme; advised survey, technology and removal of landmines and UXOs.  

  - Dispatching ROK military experts to participate in the preliminary assessment team for KOICA's 'Peace Village projects through removal of landmines/UXOs in Cambodia.' (6-12 October, 2019, Cambodia)

    - To Support project planning such as review of the sections for removal of landmines/UXOs and studied international standards and cases in landmines/UXOs.
- Dispatching military experts to participate in KOICA's 'International Training Program for ROK-Mekong Peace ges' (4-8 November, 2019, ROK)

  - To Discuss mutual cooperative measures including removal of landmines/UXOs for 'peaceful and inclusive farming ges' in four Mekong countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam).

  - To Introduce ROK military's technology, equipment, and resources for removal of landmines; demonstrated mine detection and removal.

Any other relevant information:
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 Korea

Reporting period: from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

☐ Additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 

☐ Additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 

Other relevant matters:

Nil