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VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE presents its compliments to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and to all Permanent Missions to the OSCE and has the honour to submit – according to the FSC Decision no.7/2004 – the Italian response to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and to the Questionnaire on Explosive Remnants of War, for the year 2016.

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and to all Permanent Missions to the OSCE the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna, 12. MAI 2017

To:

OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

and

All Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE
Vienna

**ITALIAN RESPONSE TO OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, CONTAINED IN FSC DECISION No. 7/04**

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 Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

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.

The Report is available at the web address:

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/A6719ACEA5371E69C125810F005117DC/\\$file/Italy_NAR+2017_APII.pdf](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/A6719ACEA5371E69C125810F005117DC/$file/Italy_NAR+2017_APII.pdf)

Points 3 to 6:

Not applicable.

Part II

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production or Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction?

YES

8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

The Report is available at the web address:

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/B915D3F918C09ABBC1258115004906F6/\\$file/Italy+2016.pdf](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/B915D3F918C09ABBC1258115004906F6/$file/Italy+2016.pdf)

8.(b):

Not applicable.

8.(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?

See answer number 9.

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

Italian Law 58/2001 established the “Fund for Humanitarian Demining”, whose financial resources are allocated to support mine action and humanitarian objectives, including victim assistance programmes.

10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance?

NO

11. Does your country have capacity to assist others in mine action?

YES

Italian military plants are duly equipped and able to carry out stockpile destruction for specific types of antipersonnel mines. Italian armed forces possess specific technical skills relevant to: train foreign experts in mine clearance, mine awareness and stockpile destruction; provide consultancy in the selection of materials for the clearance of mined fields; help designing and building APLs destruction plants. Relevant costs for those types of assistance should be borne by requesting States.

Many Italian NGOs, associations and companies possess specific technical skills and previous field experience relevant for planning and implementing mine action projects in the field of mine clearance, mine awareness and victim assistance.

**ITALIAN RESPONSE TO OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE
REMNANTS OF WAR, CONTAINED IN FSC DECISION No. 7/04**

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?

YES.

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

Italy has deposited the instrument of ratification of the 2003 CCW Protocol V on 11 February 2010.

3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimising the risks and effects of ERW?

NO

4. Does your country have capacity to assist others in clearing and minimising the risks and effects of ERW?

YES

Following the ratification of CCW Protocol V, the scope of the Italian Law 58/2001 on Humanitarian Demining was extended to ERW. Some Italian NGOs, associations and companies possess specific technical skills and previous field experience relevant for planning and implementing projects in clearing and minimising the risks and effects of ERW.

Italian armed forces possess specific technical skills relevant to train national experts in ERW clearance and awareness. Relevant costs for this type of assistance should be borne by requesting States.
