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**REPORTING FORMS  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 2 (b) OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE  
DECISION OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING  
PARTIES TO PROTOCOL V**

(As adopted by the First Conference at its second plenary meeting on 5 November 2007)

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I

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**FORM A:** Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

a) Mine/UXO contamination area from the Kosovo conflict is fulfilled successfully. All necessary information is given on previews National Yearly reports.

b) UXO/ERW Hotspots in Albania

During the reporting period (01 January 2024 – 31 December 2024), EOD teams of AAF has been deployed to continue UXO clearance operation of Jube – Sukth, Durres hotspot. During this reporting period the AAF EOD Teams cleared a total of 13.700 square meters are cleared and were found 6 UXO items of unexploded ordnance (UXO) at Jube-Sukth, Durrës. Until now are cleared 103,475 sqm or 24.6% of total contaminated area of 420.000 sqm.

In addition to the UXO Hotspots Clearance the EOD unit of the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) perform the EOD response based on the request form police and local authorities which are classified as non-criminal act. During the reporting period the EOD company responded to 97 EOD tasks where 2315 items of unexploded ordnance of different calibres, and 6.2 tons of propellant were destroyed in total during the EOD tasks.

The AAF Support Command provides all the necessary logistic arrangements according to safety regulations and respective international standards for the ammunition collected in the hotspots by the clearance company and considered safe for transport. In addition, the EOD experts of AAF dispose on the spot all dangerous ammunition was unsafe for transportation. Community Liaison and Risk Education activities are carried out also along with the UXO clearance operations in order to inform the communities aware of the ammunition risk.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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**FORM B:** Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex:

The Albanian Armed Forces has not made any use of explosive ordnance and therefore there have been no instances required to record, retain or transmit information on the use of or abandonment of explosive ordnance in accordance with Article 4 of this Protocol.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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**FORM C:** Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol: Other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex:

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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**FORM D:** Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol: Provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

The surrounding communities are duly informed about the remaining threat of unexploded ordnance (UXO) around the UXO/ERW hotspots areas.

Ministry of Defence and General Staff of the Armed Forces are responsible of providing all required information about the threat.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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**FORM E:** Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:  
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

The clearance operations are continuing in Jub-Sukth Durrës by the EOD Units of the Albanian Armed Forces.

The Ministry of Defence has revised the Action Plan for the UXO hotspots clearance in Albania which sets the main goal and strategic objective of the UXO Hotspots clearance and the resources required to complete clearance of hotspots.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

**FORM E(a):** Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

During the reporting period, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection has continued to cooperate with line ministries, civil society and strategic partners to support persons with disability in all areas of inclusion to provide social support and services, employment, housing and access to justice. Implementation of the National Action Plan for Persons with Disability 2021-2025 has continued, aiming to guarantee the social inclusion and protection of all categories of persons with disability. Regarding accessibility barriers, Framework Law No. 93/2014 "On inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities" has foreseen the responsibilities of institutions on social-economic inclusion and access to services for all categories of persons with disabilities, including mine victims. The aim is to ensure that the human rights approach is applied in the support and assessment of the social and health status of the individual and in the provision of services.

The bio-psycho-social assessment for Persons with disability is being implemented according to the standards of the WHO and the International Classification of Functions (ICF).

Also, specialized medical services were provided in the University Hospital of Trauma in Tirana including orthopedics

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service, physiotherapy services and prosthesis services. Medical services are provided at the hospital for all persons with disabilities, including landmine survivors. Specialized interventions are offered in 11 regional hospitals and at the University Trauma Hospital.

The National Program for the Rehabilitation and Modernization of Health Facilities has provided an improved infrastructure in health facilities in national level. In order to increase access and quality in the provision of health services, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection has improved the infrastructure in health institutions. About 400 centers have improved infrastructure and provide quality health services. Social health services have been expanded in 103 socio-health centers. Through the financing mechanism of the Social Fund, new community services were established, also for persons with disabilities. During this year, a priority has also been strengthening the roles and figures of professionals working with vulnerable groups such as social-health operators and personal assistants for Pwd.

In the framework of Platform for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Health and Social Protection has consulted the findings of the mid-term report of the National Action Plan for Persons with Disability 2021-2025 in four regions: Shkoder, Durres, Elbasan and Berat. In consultations with local directorates, local government institutions and civil society discussed the findings. Attendants were from civil society, persons with disabilities and mine survivors. During these meetings, there were interactions with Mayors, heads of administrative units, directors of institutions at the regional level that provide social, health, employment and legal aid services. At the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, meeting held on December 4, 2024, the findings and recommendations were also presented.

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

N/A

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**FORM F:** Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

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**Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:**

9a) Munitions production

The Republic of Albania does not produce any weapons or ammunition in its territory.

b) Munitions Management

The Albanian Armed Forces standards for the safe stockpiling, storage, packing of ammunition in arm army depots, with the aim to minimize the risk of uncontrolled explosions are as follows:

STANAG 4123; AASTP-3 - Manual of NATO Safety Principles for the Hazard Classification of Military Ammunition and Explosives

Law Nr. 9272, date 16.09.2004, "On the adherence of the Republic of Albania to the European Agreement " On international road transport of dangerous items (ADR) and the signature protocol".

National standards on management, storage and administration of weapons, ammunition and explosives approved by the Minister of Defence and the Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces, as set out in technical rules and regulations, manuals, respective orders and instructions.

The Armed Forces for the safe transport of ammunition are based on legal acts, dispositions and administrative acts as follows:

1. Law nr.8378, date 01.12.1992 " The Road Code of the Republic of Albania".
2. Law nr.8308, date 13.03.1998 "On the road transport".
3. Law nr.9272, date 16.09.2004, " on the adherence of the Republic of Albania to the european agreement "On international road transport of dangerous items (ADR) and the signature protocol".
4. Law nr. 9126, date 29.07.2003, "On the civilian use of explosive charges in the Republic of Albania".
5. Orders and instructions of the Minister of Defence and the Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces.
  - Collection (tracing of arms and ammunition) is authority of the State Police. The Armed Forces, are responsible of storing the weapons and ammunition handed over by the State Police.
  - Measures and Procedures for lab and firing tests of ammunition are as follows:
    1. The test of chemical stability of the propellant with HPTLC
    2. Physical-chemical sensitivity tests of the firing primers.

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**FORM G:** Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

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**Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:**

The Albanian Armed Forces personnel directly involved in UXO/ERW recovery and disposal are issued with appropriate instructions, operating procedures and receive training consistent with the relevant provisions of this Protocol.

In addition, Military Personnel from the Albanian Armed Forces, who participate in Joint International Peacekeeping Missions are briefed on the purpose and provisions of this Protocol.

**Any other relevant information:**

N/A

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**FORM H:** Other relevant matters

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