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Consideration of matters arising from
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### THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

### National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines,

Booby-Traps and Other Devices
as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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
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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

SLOVAKIA

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# **REPORTING PERIOD: October 2005 to September 2006**

Form A: Dissemination of information:	☐ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
<b>Form B:</b> Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:	☐ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:	□ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
Form D: Legislation:	☐ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2004)
<b>Form E:</b> International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:	X changed  ☐ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
Form F: Other relevant matters:	□ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
<b>Form G:</b> Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:	□ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on

mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13, "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the

paragraph 4 (e) Depositary ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information

exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on

technical cooperation and assistance;"

Remark:

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Contracting reporting for December
Party SLOVAKIA time period from January 2005 to 2005

International technical information exchange

International cooperation on mine clearance

See below

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Slovakia possesses the capability for destruction of ammunition and mines by a non-explosive and environmentally friendly technology.

## SLOVAKIA'S PARTICIPATION IN MINE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS

#### Slovak military units participating in mine clearance operations are currently deployed:

- a) Since August 2003 in NATO military operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq engineering unit in the actual strength of 104 troops (mine and UXO clearance).
- b) Since June 2004 in ISAF Afghanistan, EOD Team in the actual strength of 17 troops (mine and UXO clearance, engineering support for the NATO units within its area of responsibility).

# Slovak activities in mine and UXO clearance programs in above mentioned missions during 2005

a) Slovak Engineering Unit in the planned strength of 105 troops (real strength is currently 104) participated in 2005 in NATO military operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq. This mission started on July 29, 2003. The Slovak unit consists of three mine clearance teams (approx. 30 men) which are tasked to clear the mined areas and roads. The mine clearance is conducted using indigenous technical means. Slovak deminers verify manually the areas previously demined by technical means. Slovakia continues its participation in IRAQI FREEDOM also in 2006. Mandate for this mission is based on the UN Security Council resolutions 1483 (2003) and 1511 (2003). Financial expenses for the reporting period (1. 1. – 31. 12. 2005) amounted to 185 483 166 Sk – approximately 4 882 000 Euros.

Tasks fulfilled by the unit in 2005:

Line number	Type of Task	Results
1.	Demining - manually	45 312 m <sup>2</sup>
2.	Demining – mechanically	611 170 m <sup>2</sup>
3.	Engineer recognition of the area of the unit deployment	2 368 050 m <sup>2</sup>
4.	Clearing of the area of the unit responsibility from UXO	20 077 m <sup>2</sup>
5.	Engineer recognition of the roads	589 900 m <sup>2</sup>
6.	Destroyed UXO:	
	- Artillery ammo of different types and calibres (85 mm -155 mm)	6527 pcs
	- AD ammo and SALW ammo of different types and calibres 14,5; 23; 30 a 57 mm	505 022 pcs
	- PG 7V, 9 different types (ATM category)	5 413 pcs
	- detonators and igniters	46 863 pcs
7.	General weight of the destroyed ammunition	374 413 kg

b) Slovakia started operating its mission in the frame of ISAF - NATO operation in AFGANISTAN on June 1, 2004. Mandate for this mission is based on the UN Security Council resolution 1361 (2001). Its mission is to clear the mined areas and roads in the particular area of responsibility. Currently, there is one EOD Team consisting of 16 troops. It is probable that in the near future there will be an increase of the planned strength up to 57 troops. Financial expenses for the reporting period (1. 1. – 31. 12. 2005) amounted to 32 991 880 Sk – approximately 868 208 Euros.

# Tasks fulfilled by the unit in 2005:

Line number	Type of Task	Results
1.	Demining - manually	10181 m <sup>2</sup>
2.	Demining – mechanically	$17087 \text{ m}^2$
3.	Destroyed UXO:	
	- AP mines manually	68 pcs
	- AP mines mechanically	788 pcs
	- UXO manually	546 pcs
	- Cluster ammunition manually	10 pcs
4.	Destroyed UXO total	1413 pcs

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