

LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS NUOLATINĖ ATSTOVYBĖ PRIE JUNGTINIŲ TAUTŲ BIURO IR KITŲ TARPTAUTINIŲ ORGANIZACIJŲ ŽENEVOJE

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Geneva Branch and has the honour to submit reports in accordance with the Convention of Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects and its protocols, the Convention on Cluster Munitions, and the Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Geneva Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

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CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

Reporting under Article 7

STATE PARTY: The Republic of Lithuania

DATE OF SUBMISSION 2025

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Form D APMs retained or transferred

State Party

NONE

TOTAL

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

e.g. transferred from, transferred to

State Party: The Republic of Lithuania		reporting for time period from		JAN 20	24 to	31 DEC 2024	
1. Retained t	for development	of and training in (A	article 3, para.1)				
Institution authorized by State Party		Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)		Supplementary information (Country of origin)	
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TOTAL							
2. Transferre	ed for developme	nt of and training in	(Article 3, para.1)				
Institution authorized by State Party		Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if pos	ssible)		entary information: ed from, transferred to
NONE							
TOTAL							
3. Transferre	ed for the purpose	e of destruction (Art	icle 3, para.2)	<u> </u>			
Institution authorized by		Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if pos	ssible)	Suppleme	entary information:

Form J Other relevant matters

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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 Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War for the years 2007-2020 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. In 2013 the Programme was amended assigning more functions to the Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of Interior. In 2021, Ministers of Defence and Interior extended the Programme until 2027.

The primary objective of the Programme is to ensure that ERWs are detected, 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 and anti-tank mines.

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

In 2024, approximately 29 ha of contaminated territories were checked and cleared, 3908 pieces of different explosive ordnance were detected, removed and destroyed. From 2008 till the end of 2024 the Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD company inspected and cleared over 1064 ha of contaminated territories and detected over 41 083 pieces of different explosive ordnance (not counting small arms munition), i. e. anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, mortar bombs, artillery shells, grenades, sub munitions, aviation bombs, navy ammunition etc.

International cooperation and assistance:

Lithuanian Ministry of Defence in July 2023 announced initiative to launch the international Demining Capability Coalition for Ukraine. This coalition aims to address immediate mine clearance needs of Armed Forces and Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and to foster modern demining capabilities for the long term – providing equipment, training, and sustainability. To achieve the best results, Lithuania proposed that Iceland co-lead the Coalition, as the country had previously contributed to training Ukrainian soldiers in Lithuania through the Nordic-Lithuanian Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Initiative. For the time being 23 countries are already involved in this coalition, and 12 of them have already joined the Cooperation Arrangement between Lithuania, Iceland and Ukraine concerning the Demining Capability Coalition Cooperation of 13 August 2024. Participation in the coalition is voluntary, allowing nations to contribute financially, in-kind, or through training efforts.

Representatives from the Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD unit participated in the international IEDD exercises *Northern Challenge* 2024 (Iceland), IED *Rodeo* (Germany), and EOD *Hussar* (Poland). These exercises focused on conducting various IEDD tasks and developing individual EOD operators' skills.

During the year 2024, Lithuanian Land Force training center organized Explosive ordnance clearance courses for Ukrainian military personnel.