



**LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS NUOLATINĖ ATSTOVYBĖ PRIE
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**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 Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to submit reports in accordance with the Convention on 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 the 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 Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs 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

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Form D APMs retained or transferred

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"

State Party: The Republic of Lithuania reporting for time period from 1 JAN 2023 to 31 DEC 2023

1. Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information (Country of origin)
Lithuanian Armed Forces				A small amount of MON – 100 fitted with command – controlled fuses for training purposes.
TOTAL				

2. Transferred for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
NONE				
TOTAL				

3. Transferred for the purpose of destruction (Article 3, para.2)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
NONE				
TOTAL				

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 2023, approximately 13 ha of contaminated territories were checked and cleared, 1316 pieces of different explosive ordnance were detected, removed and destroyed. From 2008 till the end of 2023 the Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD company inspected and cleared over 1035 ha of contaminated territories and detected over 37 350 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 and to foster modern demining capabilities for the long term – providing equipment, training, and sustainability. Formalisation procedures started in February 2024, for the time being 22 countries are already involved in this coalition. Participation in the coalition is voluntary, allowing nations to contribute financially, in-kind, or through training efforts.

Lithuanian Armed Forces EOD section representatives participated in the international IEDD exercise *Northern Challenge 2023* in Iceland which focused on conducting various IEDD tasks.

Lithuanian Land Forces Engineer battalion EOD specialists conducted an EOD exercise as part of the international combat engineer exercise *Engineer Thunder 2023* in Lithuania.

Lithuanian Land Forces training center organized EOD awareness course for Ukrainian military personnel.