

17th Annual Conference of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V

Agenda item 10: Consideration of matters pertaining to national implementation of the Protocol, including national reporting or updating on an annual basis.

ISU Presentation on PV NARs

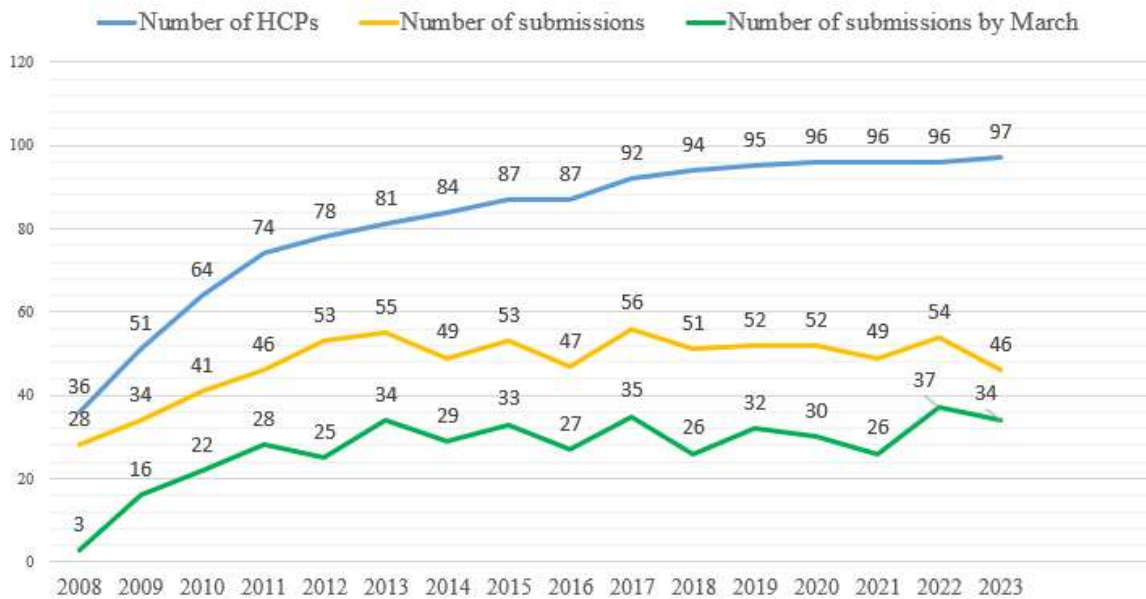
As of 31 August 2023, 46 High Contracting Parties to Protocol V have submitted national annual reports covering the 12-month period from January to December 2022. Since then, 3 more reports have been submitted.

Though the official deadline for the submission of compliance reports was set¹ to 31 March of each calendar year, the Implementation Support Unit receives national annual reports all year around. High Contracting Parties who have not yet done so are strongly encouraged to submit their reports.

We would like to share with you a few figures relating to the submission of Protocol V national annual reports from 2008 to the present.

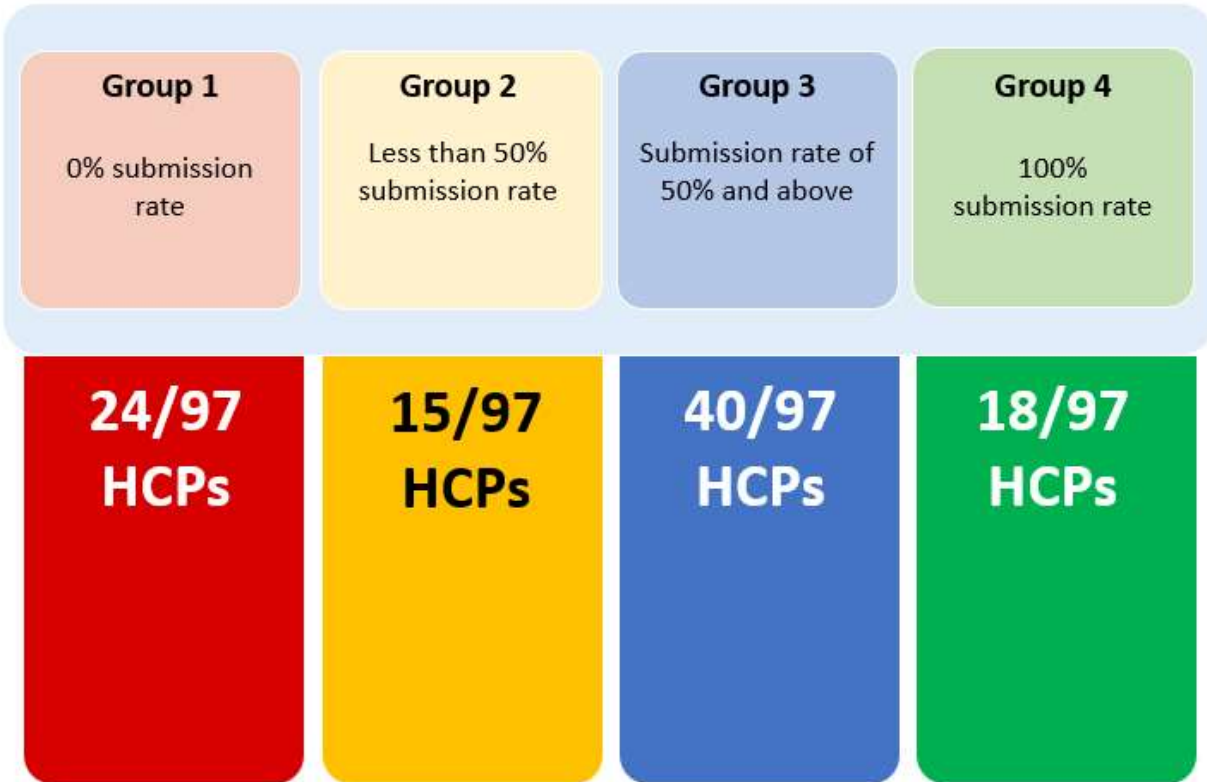
¹ By the Fourth Review Conference, Final Document of the Fourth Review Conference, Part II Final Declaration, Annex III, para. 3 (CCW/CONF.IV/4/Add.1, 15 December 2011).

Protocol V National Annual Report Submission Status Since 2008



Since January 2008, the Implementation Support Unit received a total of 764 national annual reports. The average annual submission rate is 59% of all High Contracting Parties at any given time.

As you may see in this slide, the submission rate reached its highest peak in 2022, with 54 submissions, amounting to 56% of High Contracting Parties. This year, the number of submissions decreased by 14% from the previous year.



Based on the number of national annual report submissions since 2008, High Contracting Parties may be categorized in the following four groups:

1. High Contracting Parties with a 0% submission rate;
2. Those with a submission rate lower than 50%;
3. Those with a submission rate of 50% and above; and
4. Those with a 100% submission rate.

In the first group, 24 out of 97 High Contracting Parties have never submitted their Protocol V national annual reports.

There are 15 High Contracting Parties in the second group, with a submission rate below 50%.

There are 40 High Contracting Parties in the third group, with a submission rate of 50% and above.

Within the group of High Contracting Parties with a 100% submission rate, there are 18 High Contracting Parties which have been submitting their national annual reports every year since 2008.

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol

Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol

Form C: Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol

Form D: Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol

Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol

Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol

Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol

Form H: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol

Form I: Other relevant matters

In the most recently submitted reports, High Contracting Parties have provided information on their implementation efforts, including on the following:

- Information on contaminated areas, types of explosive remnants of war found, and the number of pieces destroyed.
- ERW clearance projects that take place in cooperation with other countries and international organizations, following established standards and procedures.
- Procedures for recording, retaining, and transmitting information, including the use of electronic databases to record incidents and follow-up actions.
- Domestic legislation and policies related to explosive remnants of war, including as regards risk education.
- Participation in international humanitarian missions for ERW clearance, provision of training, funding of demining initiatives, risk education, and victim assistance activities, and
- The way CCW and related topics are included in operational manuals and military training, among others.

This year, the Implementation Support Unit has also prepared an informal note on Protocol V National Annual Reports Analysis, which offers more detailed quantitative and

qualitative trends related to the submission of the reports and which can be found on the webpage of this meeting as a conference room paper. We hope that you will find this information useful.

We reiterate the Implementation Support Unit's readiness to support High Contracting Parties in preparing and submitting the reports.
