

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 THE USE OF
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS
OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2.

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY

AUSTRALIA

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Form A**Dissemination of information**

Article 13 / 4 / a ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;"

Remark:

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Information to the armed forces

In 2007, the Australian Defence Force prepared and promulgated the 'Land Warfare Procedures – General' publication (LWP-G 3-6-5) on Mines, Booby Traps and Improvised Explosive Devices. It was most recently updated in June 2010. The document provides commanders and staff with current policy on landmines, booby traps and improvised explosive devices and its application to military operations, in accordance with Australian obligations under international law, such as Amended Protocol II and the Mine-Ban Convention. The general policy concerning landmines, booby traps, and other devices is also contained in the Australian Defence Doctrine Publication 06.4 Law of Armed Conflict, which was published in May 2006. It contains guidance for commanders and details responsibilities and obligations for Australian Defence Force members.

Information to the civilian population

Information on the Australian Government's Mine Action Strategy (2010 – 2014), including references to Amended Protocol II, is disseminated to the civilian population through:

- Ministerial press releases.
- Media interviews and speaking engagements conducted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
- Landmines websites established by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Website addresses are: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/security/landmines.html>, <http://www.dfat.gov.au/security/ccw.html> and <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/human/landmines.cfm>.
- AusAID's Mine Action Strategy (2010-2014) is available at <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/mineaction.cfm>

Form B**Mine clearance and rehabilitation programs**

Article 13 / 4 / b ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs;"

Remark:

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Assistance provided through AusAID

Country	Implementing Partner	Activity	Mine Action Sector	Amount AUD
Afghanistan	UNMAS	Support to Mine Action Centre of Afghanistan	Clearance, mine risk education and victim assistance	5,000,000
Azerbaijan	ICRC	Azerbaijan vulnerable families victim assistance	Victim assistance	50,000
Cambodia	Australian Red Cross	Cambodian Initiative for Disability Inclusion	Victim assistance	1,325,000
Iraq	UNDP	Iraq Mine Action	Mine clearance	1,300,000
Iraq	Mines Advisory Group	Iraq Mine Action	Mine clearance	200,000
Jordan	Norwegian Peoples Aid	Northern border mine clearance	Mine clearance	500,000
Jordan	Norwegian Peoples Aid	Northern border mine clearance	Mine clearance and verification	1,000,000
Laos	CARE	Reducing UXO risk and improving livelihoods of ethnic communities in Sekong province	Mine clearance and risk education	350,000
Laos	Cooperative Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise	Local rehabilitation for people with disabilities	Victim assistance	222,179
Laos	World Vision	Integrated UXO action in Khammouane Province	Mine clearance	529,387
Laos	UNDP	Support to clearance operations of	Mine clearance	1,000,000

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Lebanon	Mines Advisory Group	Battle area clearance	Mine clearance	500,000
Lebanon	Norwegian Peoples Aid	Battle area clearance	Mine clearance	397,355
Mozambique	UNDP	Mozambique Mine Action Program	Mine clearance	1,600,000
Mozambique	Handicap International	Needs assessment of mine victims in Mozambique	Victim assistance	103,813
Pacific	Australian Network to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions	Regional meeting on UXO in the Pacific	Advocacy and universalisation	28,400
Palau	Cleared Ground Demining	Tourist rail clearance Pelliliu Island	Mine clearance	50,544
Palau	Cleared Ground Demining	Clearance of explosive remnants of war	Mine clearance	1,300,000
Sri Lanka	The Halo Trust	Mine clearance for resettlement in northern Sri Lanka	Mine clearance	400,000
Sri Lanka	UNDP	Support to the Mine Action Program	Coordination and support	240,000
Sri Lanka	Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony	Demining using metal detectors in Lullativu and Kilinochchi districts	Mine clearance	200,000
Vietnam	ICRC	Special Fund for the Disabled	Victim assistance	250,000
Global	GICHD	Core support to GICHD and the APMBC ISU	Core support, research, evaluation, gender and victim assistance	740,000
Global	Geneva Call	Reducing the threat and impact of landmines	Universalisation and advocacy	209,161
Global	ICBL	Landmine and cluster munition monitor	Universalisation and advocacy	450,000
Global	ICRC	Special Fund for the Disabled	Victim assistance	750,000
Global	UNMAS	Core support to UNMAS for UN coordination	Coordination, advocacy,	300,000

			management and universalisation	
Global	UNMAS	Completion initiative to support the completion of clearance in Mozambique and Uganda	Mine clearance	1,000,000
Global	ICRC	Special Mine Action Appeal	Mine clearance, victim assistance	3,000,000
Global	Mine Advisory Group	Efficiency, effectiveness and innovation in mine action	Mine clearance, monitoring and evaluation	163,886

Assistance provided through the Australian Defence Force

Somalia* – UN Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia – Gift of six EOD Tactical Bomb Suits and 23 Minelab mine detectors – Capacity Building – AUD\$277,515

*Please note that this was reported for the 2011 calendar year as that was when the gifting was expected, however, the transfer actually occurred in 2012.

Form C**Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13 / 4 / c ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

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Technical requirements

Australia does not have minefields, or produce or deploy munitions which fall under the technical requirements of this Protocol.

Any other relevant information

In meeting the technical requirements of the Protocol, Australia has Australian Defence Force doctrine which includes all necessary measures to ensure compliance with the Protocol.

Form D

Legislation

Article 13 / 4 / d ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

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It is the Australian Government's policy to enact national legislation implementing international instruments only where existing national legislation is insufficient to meet the international obligations contained in the international instruments concerned.

Australia has not enacted specific legislation to implement Amended Protocol II. However, other legislation is relevant to the obligations contained in Amended Protocol II. For example, Australia has enacted the Anti-Personnel Mines Convention Act 1998. This Act primarily implements the Mine-Ban Convention, but it also implements the key provisions of Amended Protocol II. In particular, section 7 of the Act makes it an offence to place, possess, develop, produce, acquire, stockpile, move or transfer anti-personnel mines.

The Australian Government periodically reviews implementing legislation for international humanitarian law instruments to which it is a party in order to ensure it continues to meet implementation requirements. Such a review of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is currently being considered.

Form E**International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article 13 / 4 / e ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

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International technical information exchange

During the reporting period, Australia attended a number of meetings to promote technical information exchange on landmine and ERW issues:

- Meeting of Experts on Mines and Other Anti-personnel Mines, 2-4 April, Geneva
- Group of Experts under Amended Protocol II to the CCW on Improvised Explosive Devices, 23-24 April, Geneva
- ICRC Experts Meeting on Implementation of Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War, 8-9 November, Geneva
- Sixth Conference for Protocol V, 12-13 November, Geneva
- Fourteenth Annual Conference on Amended Protocol II, 14 November, Geneva
- Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention, 15-16 November, Geneva
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International cooperation on mine clearance

In countries where Australia is a major donor to mine action, for example Cambodia and Laos, Australia is a member of various committees that focus on donor cooperation and coordination. Australia participates in meetings of the Mine Action Support Group which helps to coordinate international responses to mine action issues. International cooperation on mine clearance, and mine action in general, is a priority in Australia's Mine Action Strategy for the Australia Aid Program (2010-2014), under which it has pledged AUD\$100 million over 5 years. Through the Strategy, Australia is committed to work in partnership with mine action stakeholders, where possible aligning support with existing partner government policies, priorities and systems and also harmonising efforts with other donors.

Technical Cooperation and Assistance

Technical capacity building is a component in most mine clearance projects which Australia supports. During the reporting period, Australia's funding assisted the development of technical capacities of national clearance authorities in Afghanistan, Cambodia, DRC, Iraq, Laos, Sri Lanka and Tajikistan.

Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.

Remark:

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<u>Other relevant matters</u>

Form G

Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11 para 2 ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially.....on:

- information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance

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Means and technologies of mine clearance

Within the Australian Department of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Combined Arms Training Centre are developing new methods of clearing mines. DSTO undertakes work in a number of areas covering mine detection and clearance, including research in the development of improved mine detection algorithms. This involves international co-operative work within the Technical Cooperation Program of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. DSTO is also involved in the evaluation of existing and emerging mine detection technologies.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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