

**PROTOCOL II 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)**

Annual Report in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: HELLENIC REPUBLIC

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

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The information contained in this Report may be made available to other interested Parties, Organizations and the public.

**Form A                    Dissemination of information**

Article 13 / 4 / a        “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on ...:  
                                  (a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013.*

<b><u>Information to the armed forces</u></b>
NONE
<b><u>Information to the civilian population</u></b>
NONE

**Form B**                      **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 13/4/b

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on  
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013. Mine Clearance Programmes*

A huge ERW clearance programme is still under way in vast areas of Western Macedonia and Ipiros in the North-West part of the Hellenic Republic, in "suspected areas" containing Explosive Remnants of War dating from World War II and the 1946-1949 era. There are no properly defined minefields in this area and no maps, the number of dangerous devices to be removed is very large and the weather conditions are adverse for most part of the year, resulting in the very slow progress of works. It is worth mentioning that the "suspected areas" to be cleared and secured in the mountains of Grammos and Vitsi alone, measure over 40000 hectares.-  
**From 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, 390.380m<sup>2</sup> were cleared and secured in the above area.**

**Rehabilitation Programmes**

There are no mine victims ( **Note:** All minefields along the border with Turkey in Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by the amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs, since 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 all antipersonnel mines have been removed.

**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 there to;”

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 12 Dec 2013.*

**Technical requirements**

NONE

**Any other relevant information**

NONE

**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;”

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party:* HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013.

**Legislation**

NONE

**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;”

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013.*

**International technical information exchange**

The Hellenic Republic participated in the meetings of the Standing Committee of the Ottawa Convention, on May and December 2013 in Geneva.

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

NONE

**Form F**

**Other relevant matters**

Article 13 / 4 / f

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:  
(f) other relevant matters”.

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013.*

**Other relevant matters**

The Hellenic Republic does not manufacture, import or export mines.

**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”.

*Remark:*

*High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from 01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013.*

**Means and technologies of mine clearance**

The Hellenic Army basically employs manual mine clearance. International practices and standards in mine clearance are followed.

**Lists of experts and expert agencies**

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.



**National points of contact on mine clearance**

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