

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)

Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2,
Pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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YES

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Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2007)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

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| Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance: | x unchanged (last reporting: 2004) |
| | x changed unchanged |
| Form F: Other relevant matters: | changed x unchanged (last reporting: 2004) |
| Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: | changed x unchanged (last reporting: 2003) |

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 **REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA** Reporting for time period from
1 January
2008
to **31 December**
2008

International cooperation on mine clearance

The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) is a non-profit, humanitarian organisation founded by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in March 1998, originally to help Bosnia and Herzegovina and later also other mine-affected countries in South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia). At the request of its donors, the ITF began to spread activities towards Cyprus, Afghanistan, the Transcaucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia), Central Asia and Middle East; however, its operations are currently focused on South-Eastern Europe. ITF's vision is a world free of the threat from post-conflict and disruptive challenges, including landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and the illicit ownership and use of SALW, and where the security of individuals and communities is assured. The mission of the ITF is to enable countries and organisations recover from post-conflict and disruptive challenges, and to assure the security of individuals and communities in countries recovering from conflict. This will be achieved by:

- (1) raising and managing funds from a wide range of donors;
- (2) identifying and managing projects on behalf of national authorities and donors; and
- (3) developing national and regional capacities to manage programmes and projects more effectively and efficiently.

Thus far, the ITF has contributed significantly to the resolution of mine problem, as it carried out over 2,340 mine action projects. The ITF cleared over 100 million square meters of mine-polluted areas in South-Eastern Europe, and contributed to physical rehabilitation of almost 1000 mine victims, which equals 15 per cent of all surviving victims in South-Eastern Europe. Over 80,000 children and adults from mine-affected communities participated in programmes of raising awareness of the mine problem. The ITF educated over 800 experts in the field of humanitarian demining, rehabilitation and mine action management, and supported activities of national mine action centres in all mine-affected countries of South-Eastern Europe; all this facilitates and improves the effectiveness in dealing with the problem.

From the very beginning, the ITF has supported regional approach to mine action in South-Eastern Europe – being one of the founding members of the South-Eastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC), and supporter of the

Regional Mine Detection Dog Centre in Konjic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), the Regional Centre for Underwater Demining in Bijela (Montenegro) and the Geographic Information System for South-Eastern Europe.

Since 1998, over 130 donors, including 27 States, the European Commission and the UNDP, numerous local communities, organisations, companies and individuals have entrusted almost USD 297 million to the ITF. The matching-fund mechanism ensures that every US dollar raised by the ITF for activities in the region of SE Europe is matched by an additional dollar provided by the US Government. The mechanism proved exceptionally efficient as a method of raising donor funds for humanitarian purposes. ITF recognizes that as the impact from landmines and UXO in SE Europe becomes less severe, there is a growing need to address other post-conflict challenges (such as Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) programs), and to combat violence and terrorism stemming from the illicit ownership and use of small arms and light weapons (SALW). Such challenges pose a potential threat to human security just as serious as the danger from landmines and UXO.

Technical cooperation and assistance