

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**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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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

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Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2012

to: 31/12/2012

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed

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(last reporting year:)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed

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(last reporting year: 2003)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed

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(last reporting year: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

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Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

changed

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Form F: Other relevant matters:

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Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

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Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13,
paragraph 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:

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), attached to the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross, which operates from 1977, is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contain a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The Library is used by students and post-graduates in law, political sciences and international relations, as well as by secondary school students and the Polish Red Cross workers and volunteers from across the country.

During 2012, the Polish Red Cross Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized number of seminars, meetings and lecturers devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them contained topics focused on legal aspects of landmines, including the II Protocol to CCW. It is worth mentioning few of the most important ones:

XVI Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (28.05. – 01.06. 2012, Radziejowice) – an annual 4-day course for law and international

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relations students from civil and military universities, representatives of the Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers. Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major Polish Universities and Armed Forces.

XXX Warsaw Summer School of International Humanitarian Law (27.08 – 06.09. 2012, Radziejowice) – a 10-day course in English for law students from Europe, South America and the Middle East. The lectures included top academics from European universities and international institutions.

Lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by National Defence Academy – several times during 2012.

VIII edition of Andrzej Pankowicz Competition of the Armed Conflicts Humanitarian Law held in Cracow. The completion tests students knowledge and shape their attitude towards humanitarian law.

Organization of 1st edition of the e-learnig course “Exploring humanitarian law” dedicated for the teachers of primary and junior schools. The program started in November 2012 and currently its fourth session is being developed.

Organization of the annual professor Remigiusz Bierzanek Competition for the best Ph. D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; sixteen editions of the contest has been held to date.

Coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Dissemination of IHL and for Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including :

- organization of trainings for PRC workers and volunteers and for representatives of state institutions (MND, Patent Office of the RP, the National Prosecutor’s Office, the Central Police Headquarters).
- assessment of applications for use of the emblem.
- interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale.
- publication and promotion of books.

PRC's advocacy efforts included promotion among others of the ratification and universalization of the Ottawa Convention and other relevant legal instruments, open letters and building partnership with other civil society actors (e.g. Roman Catholic Church of Poland).

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

Article 13,
paragraph 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:

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem, caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war. Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been financing a project in Laos, supporting a local NGO UXO Lao (a local NGO providing assistance in ERW and mine-affected areas, including clearance). The project oversees the purchase of modern equipment to remove and destroy ERW and mines. Planned activities will help to reduce the number of accidents and victims of ERW. Poland contributed to this activity 11.500 euro. The project is the continuation of support for the Lao UXO. Since 2007 Polish assistance to Laos with regards to ERW (via local NGO) amounted to 83.500 euro.

Moreover the Polish Engineering Forces personnel being engaged in stabilizing mission in Afghanistan carried on actions for the benefit of local population – additionally to its mandatory tasks. The activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO and other explosive remnants of war (in case of emergence), as well as providing warning and risk education to the local communities. Within the framework of the mission in 2012 ninety Polish deminers identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

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- 62 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
- 2 pcs of air bombs;
- 303 pcs of artillery munitions and mortar grenades;
- 2044 psc of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 12163 psc of unexploded ordnance- various types of munitions;
- 685 kg of others types of explosives.

Total cost of the above mentioned activities has been estimated to be about 400.000 Euro.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

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