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 (CCW)

Reporting Formats
pursuant to the Decision of the Third Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: SWEDEN

PARTY TO:
X Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
X Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
X Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
X Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
X Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
X Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
X amended Article I

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NOTE: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:
(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;
(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;
(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;
(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and
(e) Other relevant matters."

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.

1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different)
Form A   Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN………………………………..

Information to the armed forces

All officers are trained in IHL on different levels.

Information to the civilian population

This applies to all new legislation

Any other relevant information

The Swedish Total Defence Council for International Humanitarian Law was established in 1991 and consists of representatives from the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Swedish Armed Forces, the National Service Administration, the Swedish National Defence College, the Swedish Emergency Management Agency, the Swedish Rescue Services Agency and the Swedish Red Cross. The Council is responsible for following the development of international humanitarian law. In addition the Council supervises the coordination and development among the total defence authorities, focusing especially on information and educational matters. Finally the Council takes the initiative to promote development, dissemination and application of the provisions of international humanitarian law within the Swedish total defence sector.
Form B    Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(b)    Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN………………………………..

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols

See Annex A (other relevant information) an Protocol II ( Art. 13 para 4 och Art 11 para 2).

In 1974 the Swedish Government set up the Delegation for International Humanitarian Law Monitoring of Arms Projects. The Delegation is tasked to examine and monitor weapons projects from an international law perspective and the examination is to be conducted in accordance with Article 36 of Additional Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions. The Delegation, which is led by the Ministry of Defence, consists of at most eight members from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Swedish Armed Forces, the Swedish Defence Research Agency and the Defence Materiel Administration. Accordingly, the Delegation is one important authority to secure that the Swedish Armed Forces is only equipped with weapons and weapon systems which fulfill the technical requirements set out in CCW.

At international peace-keeping operations, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Rules of Engagement (RoE) and Standing Operation Procedures (SOP) are to be followed.

Any other relevant information

Nothing to report
Form C  Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN………………………………..

Legislation

Sweden does not have a specific law with regard to the Convention and its annexed Protocols. However, other laws are relevant to ensure that Sweden fulfills its responsibilities. If a person uses prohibited weapons he/she may be sentenced for crime against international law (the Swedish Criminal Code Chapter 22 section 6). Other relevant laws are e.g. the Act on Penalties for Smuggling, the Act on the Control of Dual-Use Items and Technical Assistance.

Any other relevant information

Nothing to report
Form D  Technical co-operation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

High Contracting Party: SWEDEN………………………………..

International technical co-operation

See report to Protocol. II ( Art. 13 para 4 och Art 11 para 2) under Form E.

Protocol I: Nothing to report
Protocol II: rev. See report II
Protocol III: Nothing to report
Protocol IV: Sweden has tried to bring up the issue at GGE (“follow up and comply”) and was active in establishing this protocol.
Protocol V: Sweden has since a long time considered ERW as a part of Mine Action, see report to Protocol II.

International technical assistance

See Technical Assistance above.

Any other relevant information

Nothing to report
Form E  Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(c) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: …SWEDEN………………………………..

Other relevant matters

Nothing to report