PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITION 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)
(Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2)

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY

CYPRUS

DATE OF SUBMISSION

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF CONTACT

This information can be made available to all interested parties and entries:

☐ YES

☐ NO

Partially only the following forms:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

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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  Cyprus reporting for time 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011

Information to the armed forces

The Appropriate doctrine, all operational and training publications, as well as courses used in the armed forces of the Republic of Cyprus have been revised accordingly, in order to incorporate the requirements that arose from the amended protocol II. The National Guard has informed accordingly, all personnel regarding the provisions set by the CCW and the Ottawa Convention, through a series of workshops designed to inform them on the new provisions.

Information to the civilian population

The civilian population of the island is informed through a series of training programs, designed and implemented by the Civil Defence Authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
Form B  
Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

Remark:

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Mine clearance programmes

During the past year, two minefields have been cleared, by the National's Guard Engineers and a total number of 475 A/P mines were destroyed. In addition to the mine clearance operations carried out by the National Guard, another programme was successfully completed on the 20th of January 2011, which concerned the clearance of minefields located in the Buffer Zone. This program was initially funded by the European Union, in collaboration with the United Nations, and was named "Partnership for the Future".

However, one minefield laid by the Turkish occupational forces in the Buffer Zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia, still remains to be cleared.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adopted the relevant legislation and laws, regarding the provisions required for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.
Form C  

Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13 / 4 / c  

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary... on:

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

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Technical requirements

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all the necessary steps to comply with the protocol's technical requirements. For this purpose, all minefields within the areas under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

Any other relevant information
Form D

Legislation

Article 13 / 4 / d "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary...on:
(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

High Contracting Party     Cyprus     reporting for time  01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011
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Legislation

The Republic of Cyprus has ratified the amended Protocol II and the additional Protocol IV of CCW (11th July 2003), as well as the Ottawa Convention (17th January 2003), and incorporated them into law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force as from the 22nd of January 2004.
**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 Depositary....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**

Cyprus provides for international information exchange, cooperation and mine clearance, through its representatives, who participate in international seminars and annual conferences held globally.

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

Cyprus is closely collaborating with UNMAS and GICHD, so as to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of de-mining. This cooperation has so far been successful, through the cooperation of the United Nations and the Republic of Cyprus.

**Technical cooperation and assistance**

NIL
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:

High Contracting Party  Cyprus  reporting for time period from  01-1-2011  to  31-12-2011

Other relevant matters

NIL
Information to the UN-Database on mine clearance

Article 13 / 4 / g

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary on:

(g) Information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance;

High Contracting Party: Cyprus

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The National Guard strives to keep informed on international practices and standards, equipment and methodologies, in regards to modern mine clearance operations and technologies.

Lists of experts and expert agencies

For details please contact the point of contact listed below.

National points of contact on mine clearance

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