EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO AMENDED PROTOCOL II 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

Geneva, 6 November 2006
Item 10 of the agenda
Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Amended Protocol II

THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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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)

Reporting Formats for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

| NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY | REPUBLIC OF INDIA |
| DATE OF SUBMISSION | November 2006 |
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| X | YES |
| ☐ | NO |
| ☐ | Partially, only the following forms: |
| ☐ | A | ☐ | B | ☐ | C | ☐ | D | ☐ | E | ☐ | F | ☐ | G |

PREAMBLE

India supports the UN vision of ‘a world free of the threat of landmines and unexploded ordnance where individuals and communities live in a safe environment conducive to development, and where mine survivors are fully integrated into their societies.

It is towards achieving this end-state that India had ratified the Amended Protocol II and has adopted and implemented all measures necessary and more, to adhere to the provisions contained therein.

During the current year India has continued to undertake and implement numerous measures towards fulfilling our obligations towards the Amended Protocol II.
REPORTING PERIOD: October 2005 to October 2006

Form A: Dissemination of information:  ☐ changed
☐ unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:  ☐ changed (last reporting: 2005)
☐ unchanged

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:  ☐ changed
☐ unchanged (last reporting: 2005)

Form D: Legislation:  ☐ changed (last reporting: 2005)
☐ unchanged

Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:  ☐ changed (last reporting: 2005)
☐ unchanged

Form F: Other relevant matters:  ☐ changed
☐ unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:  ☐ changed
☐ unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form B  Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13, paragraph 4 (b)  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party  Republic of India reporting for time period from Oct. 2005 to Oct. 2006

Mine clearance programmes

In context of cross-border terrorism in some parts of the country, militant groups continue to increasingly resort to the indiscriminate use of improvised explosive devices and mines. The Army Corps of Engineers also aid civilian authorities in defusing and clearing such devices. India has not taken recourse to using mines for maintenance of Law and Order or in Internal Security situations, or for combating the menace of terrorism.

Rehabilitation programmes

No change.
Form D  Legislation

Article 13, paragraph 4 (d)  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

India  ____________  ____________

Legislation

(a) The production and use of landmines is vested with agencies of the Union Government. There is no manufacture or trade of landmines by the private sector.

(b) India has a formal moratorium, of unlimited duration, prohibiting export of landmines and favours an outright ban on transfer of mines even to State Parties to the Protocol. The above reduces the difficulties associated with the task of regulating production and use of landmines.
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 Depositary ... 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 India reporting for time period from Oct. 2005 to Oct. 2006

International technical information exchange

No change.

International cooperation on mine clearance

No change.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Seminar on Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War: Human Costs and International Responses was organised jointly by the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and United Service Institution (USI) at New Delhi from 10 to 12 October 2006. Participation from India included representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Army. A presentation was also made by covering the following:

(i) Adherence by Armed Forces to provisions of Amended Protocol II.

(ii) Steps taken to increase mine awareness amongst both Armed Forces personnel and the public.

(iii) Contribution to international mine action efforts.
List of Expert Agencies

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