

**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**

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Item 10 of the provisional agenda

**Consideration of matters arising from  
reports by High Contracting Parties  
according to paragraph 4 of Article 13  
of the Amended Protocol II**

**THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

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)

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

- YES  
 NO

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 10/10/2005 to 25/09/2006

- Form A:** Dissemination of information:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
- Form D:** Legislation:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
- Form E:** International technical information exchange,  
co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation  
and assistance:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
- Form F:** Other relevant matters:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on  
mine clearance:  changed  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2005)

**Form A      Dissemination of information**

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

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed  
forces and to the civilian population;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party	<b>Kingdom</b> reporting for <b>of</b> time period	10 October	to	25 September
	<b>Norway</b> from	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>

**Information to the armed forces**

Core training includes training in mine-clearing and mine-laying to enable the individual soldier to survive during the most common situations of land-mine warfare. Officer- and NCO-education includes the legal aspect of the Amended Protocol II.

All military personnel participating in Peace Support Operations (PSO) are obliged to participate in a national Mine Awareness Course before deployment.

**Information to the civilian population**

NORWAY has no land-mine contaminated areas. WW II UXOs detected by civilians are reported to local police authorities. This is a well-established practice since WW II. The police subsequently inform the Armed Forces for disposal.

**Form B            Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party	<b>Kingdom of Norway</b>	reporting for time period from	10 October 2005	to	25 September 2006
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**Mine clearance programmes**

Ref Form A, block 2, there is no need for mine clearance programmes within Norwegian territory.

Norwegian Armed Forces units and contingents deployed in PSO in ISAF, including military observers in relevant UN-missions, run or participate in programmes within their respective areas of responsibility.

Norwegian NGOs participate in on-going programmes for mine-clearance in Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cambodia, Mozambique, Laos, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Lebanon and Sudan. Many of these programmes are funded by the Norwegian Government.

Norway contributed USD 37.570.000 to Mine Action in 2005. About 20% of these funds were granted through the Norwegian development cooperation agency (NORAD), while the other 80% were granted through the humanitarian aid budgets. Also, more than 20% of the total Norwegian contribution was allocated directly to victim assistance projects. The funding of mine action programmes in mine affected countries are channelled through international and non-governmental organisations, such as the ICRC, Norwegian People’s Aid, Danish Church Aid, Handicap International, Tromsø Trauma Care Center, Norwegian Red Cross, Landmine Survivors Network, MAG, Cleared Ground, Landmine Action and UNDP, or it is administered through bilateral agreements with mine affected states.

**Rehabilitation programmes**

Refer to block 1 above.

**Form C      Technical requirements and relevant information**

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

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

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party	<b>Kingdom</b> reporting for <b>of</b> time period      10 October 2005      to      25 September <b>Norway</b> from      _____      2006
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**Technical requirements**

All landmines in the Norwegian inventory provide a response signal equivalent to the signal from 8 grammes or more of iron in a single coherent mass. Thus, they are all detectable with detection equipment commercially available. All remotely delivered mines are equipped with self-destruction / self-neutralisation and self-deactivation mechanisms.

**Any other relevant information**

The Norwegian Army in co-operation with the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment is looking into possible development of sensor systems in order to improve the technological mine detection capacities.

**Form D      Legislation**

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting	<b>Kingdom</b>	reporting for			
Party	<b>of</b>	time period	10 October	to	25 September
	<u><b>Norway</b></u>	from	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>

**Legislation**

All facets of the Protocol are covered by the general Norwegian Legislation.

All military Rules of Engagement and the National Precautionary System are within the provisions of CCW-related legislation.



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

Article 13,                    “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
paragraph 4 (e)            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	<b>Kingdom of Norway</b>	reporting for time period from	10 October 2005	to	25 September 2006
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**International technical information exchange**

Norway is a member of the NATO EODTIC-system, NATO Combat Engineer Working Group, and has established bilateral MoUs with several NATO-states. Forums have also been established within a Nordic context, including the Nordic Demining Research Forum. Furthermore, Norway participates in several AC-panels and their subgroups.

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

Nil.

**International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance**

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**Form F      Other relevant matters**

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

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**Other relevant matters**

Norway is a member of The Convention On The Prohibition Of The Use, Stockpiling,  
Production And Transfer Of Anti-Personnel Mines And On Their Destruction.

Norway destroyed all APMs in her inventory before October 1996.

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

Article 11,  
paragraph 2            “Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to  
the database on mine clearance established within the United  
Nations System, especially information concerning various means  
and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert  
agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

*Remark:*

High            **Kingdom** reporting  
Contracting   **of**            for time  
Party            **Norway**   period from 10 October 2005 to 25 September 2006

**Means and technologies of mine clearance**

Handheld equipment, self-propelled mechanical mine-clearers, explosive mine-clearing  
equipment, mine-detection dogs, electronic mine detectors.

**Lists of experts and experts agencies**

The Armed Forces represented by the Inspector of the Engineers, the Inspector of Base Defence  
(AF) and the Inspector of Norwegian Defence Research Establishment.

**National points of contact on mine clearance**

The Norwegian MFA, Section for Humanitarian Affairs.

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