

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)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 2 and Article 11 para 2.

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This information can be made available to other interested parties and relevant organisations

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- ... NO
- ... Partially, only the following forms:
- A B C D E F G

Summary Sheet

(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 Report,
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Form A: Dissemination of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form D: Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2004)
Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2007)
Form F: Other relevant matters:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2007)
Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2006)

Form A

• **Dissemination of information**

Article 13 / 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

SWITZERLAND

reporting for time period from

1 October 2002 to

1 October 2003

Information to the armed forces

Every male Swiss citizen is, in principle, under the obligation to serve in the Swiss Armed Forces. The obligations resulting from the amended Protocol II of the Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons and from the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Mine Ban Treaty) are permanently instructed in all training courses to all ranks within the Swiss Armed Forces. Furthermore, the obligations arising from these treaties have been implemented in a field manual on the use of mines in the Swiss Armed Forces. The texts of these treaties have also been incorporated by the end of 1999 in the treaty collection of international law on armed conflicts that every unit commander holds.

Information to the civilian population

The civilian population has been informed on several occasions on the results of the Annual Conferences of the States Parties to the amended Protocol II by public statements of Government representatives. At the occasion of the internal ratification-process of the amended Protocol II and the Mine Ban Treaty as well as at the introduction of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material, the Swiss Parliament and the civilian population have been informed repeatedly about the new obligations arising from the said legal instruments.

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: The territory of Switzerland contains neither mined areas nor areas suspected to contain mines.

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Mine clearance programs

not applicable

Rehabilitation programs

not applicable

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;

Remark:

High Contracting Party SWITZERLAND

reporting for time period from 1 October 2002 to 1 October 2003

Technical requirements

Switzerland destroyed all its anti-personnel landmines by 15 March 1999.

All anti-tank mines hold by the Swiss Armed Forces fulfil the requirements of the amended Protocol II.

Any other relevant information

Switzerland has taken all anti-tank mines of the type Pz Mi 60 out of service. They have all been destroyed by early 2003.

Form D**• Legislation**

Article 13 / 4 / d

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

*Remark:*High Contracting Party SWITZERLANDreporting for time period from 1 October 2003 to 1 October 2004Legislation

An export moratorium on anti-personnel mines (APM) and their components was declared by the Swiss Government in 1994 with respect to States which were not Parties to the Protocol II of the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons of 1980. On 13 December, 1996, the Swiss Parliament enacted national legislation prohibiting the development, production, brokerage, acquisition, import, export, transfer, stockpiling, use and possession of and any other activity relating to APM (Swiss Federal Law on War Material). The only activities permitted are those which are directly related to the destruction of or the protection against APM. With entry into force of the amended Protocol II on 3 December 1998 and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction of 1997 (Mine Ban Treaty) on 1 March 1999 for Switzerland, these international legal instruments became integral parts of the Swiss legislation. The definition of "APM" applied in the Swiss Federal Law on War Material was extended to the definition used in the Mine Ban Treaty and the amended Protocol II. According to the modified Article 8 of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material, "APM" is defined as any explosive device that is placed in or on the ground or any other surface or in their proximity and is designed or modified to explode by the presence, proximity or contact of a person and that is intended to incapacitate, injure or kill one or more persons. Mines designed to detonate upon the presence, proximity or contact of a vehicle as opposed to a person and that are equipped with anti-handling devices, are not considered anti-personnel mines as a result of being so equipped. This amendment entered into force on 1 March 1999. In addition, the Swiss Parliament adapted art. 8 of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material to the exact wording of art. 2 (3) and art. 3 (1) of the Mine Ban Treaty. This amendment entered into force on 1 June 2004.

Form E

- **International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance**

Article 13 / 4 / e

”The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international co-operation on mine clearance, and on technical co-operation and assistance;

Remark:--

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International technical information exchange

The Federal Department of Defence participated in international information exchanges in various ways, among others by providing technical information and operational demonstrations on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) systems for the contact-free disposal of UXOs and mines, but also by organising training courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) within the EAPC/PfP framework.

International co-operation on mine clearance

The Swiss Government spent in 2006 CHF 17 millions. on projects related to antipersonnel mines. In 2007 expenditures of CHF 17 millions are budgeted. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs supports APM-clearing-projects, risk warning campaigns and victim assistance projects mainly with financial contributions. The Federal Department of Defence is providing experts for Mine Action Programmes by the UN and selected NGOs on a voluntary basis. During the year 2006, Swiss experts participated in missions to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Chad, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Sudan and Sri Lanka. During the year 2007 Swiss experts support missions in Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, Ethiopia, Lao, Lebanon, Somalia and Sudan. The Federal Department of Defence further developed and updated its specific training course for future experts to be sent to international Mine Action Programs. Moreover, Switzerland, during the reporting period, provided technical assistance (mainly EOD systems) to selected Mine Action Programs and projects (UN and NGOs) in Lebanon and Sudan.

Technical co-operation and assistance

Generally, the Swiss offer of EOD systems includes not only the material but also training and support (Follow-up deliveries may take place upon request). Furthermore, the Federal Department of Defence conducts annually three international courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA).

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

SWITZERLAND

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1 October 2007

Other relevant matters

The Swiss Government contributed CHF 8.2 millions to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in 2006 and CHF 8.2 millions in 2007.

Form G

• **Information to the UN-database on mine clearance**

Article 11 para 2 ”The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially.....on:

- information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance

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