

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

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

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
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Mine clearance programmes

In accordance with our obligations under Protocol II and the Ottawa Convention, all the live anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by Portugal have been destroyed. The program for the destruction of all the stockpiled APM's was concluded in March 2003.

Portugal is a non mine-affected country (including mines, booby-traps and other devices).

Rehabilitation programmes

N/A

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:

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Technical requirements

The Portuguese Armed Forces do not possess mines, booby-traps and other devices which are not in compliance with the technical provisions of this Protocol or which would be in contradiction with the obligations from other international treaties. The few mines possessed by Portugal are inert and used only for training purposes.

Any other relevant information

N/A

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 reporting for time
Party Portugal period from 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007

Legislation

The deposit of the instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the United Nations occurred on the 31 March 1999 and the Amended Protocol II entered into force for Portugal on the 1st of October of 1999.

Additionally, Law 31/2004, approved on 22 July 2004, criminalizes violations of international humanitarian law, namely the use of weapons that can be excessively injurious or have indiscriminate effects, in violation of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its Protocols, as well as the Ottawa Convention. In case of violation of any of these dispositions, sanctions are foreseen with imprisonment sentences from 10 to 25 years.

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 PORTUGAL reporting for time period from 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007

International technical information exchange

Nothing to report.

International cooperation on mine clearance

As a Member State of the European Union, Portugal is supporting mine action activities of the European Union.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

-technical assistance in the field of mine detection and clearance, in the framework of **IFOR (Bosnia)** and **KFOR (Kosovo)**.

-**Angola**: technical support in demining activities (amount: 58.669 €)

- **Guinea-Bissau**: Instruction in demining activities (amount: 59.343,46 €)

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.”

Remark:

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Other relevant matters

Portugal ratified the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (Ottawa Convention) and complies with all its obligations under this instrument.

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.”

High Contracting Party PORTUGAL reporting for time period from 01/01/2007 to 31/08/2008

Means and technologies of mine clearance

The Portuguese Armed Forces experts are qualified in mine detection and clearance. The equipment used in mine detection and clearance includes mechanical devices, hand held metal detectors, multi-sensor systems and robots.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

- a. PoNAVY
 - Fernandes Francisco (NATO OF-3)
 - Rodrigues Barroso (NATO OF-1)
- b. PoARMY
 - Gabriel de Jesus Gomes (NATO OF-2)
 - Paulo Jorge Vieira Varanda (NATO OF-2)
- c. PoAF
 - Joaquim Manuel Lourenço Merca (NATO OF-3)
 - Mário José Faria da Silva Vasco (NATO OR-7)
 - Miguel Luís Silva de Lacerda Morato (NATO OR-6).

National points of contact on mine clearance

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