

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

ESTONIA

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

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

REPORTING PERIOD: 22/09/2005 to 11/09/2006

Form A: Dissemination of information: changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

Form D: Legislation: changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

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: 2004)

Form A Dissemination of information

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

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

Remark: unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party Estonia period from 22/09/2005 to 11/09/2006

Information to the armed forces

Information to the civilian population

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: unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party Estonia period from 22/09/2005 to 11/09/2006

Mine clearance programmes

Rehabilitation programmes

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

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

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

Remark: unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party Estonia period from 22/09/2005 to 11/09/2006

Technical requirements

Any other relevant information

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: unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

High Contracting Party	Estonia	reporting for time period from	<u>22/09/2005</u>	to	<u>11/09/2006</u>
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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 Estonia reporting for time period from 22.09.2005 to 11.09.2006

International technical information exchange

Nothing to report.

International cooperation on mine clearance

In 2005, Estonia and Germany started co-operation in the field of EOD training.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Since 1999, Estonia has contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance a sum of 2000 USD annually.

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:

High Contracting Party	<u>Estonia</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>22.09.2005</u>	to	<u>11.09.2006</u>
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Other relevant matters

In 2001, the EODOC (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operations Centre) was established with the support of US authorities. The EODOC is subordinated and led by the Estonian Rescue Board (under the Ministry of Internal Affairs). The EODOC conducts civilian EOD operations and provides EOD training. The EODOC is linked to the international Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA).

From July 2002 to June 2005, an Explosives Detection Dog Team (EDD Team) from the Rescue Board participated in the operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The team consisted of two dogs and five personnel.

Since March 2003, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (EOD Team) operates in Afghanistan as a part of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), currently in the Provincial Reconstruction Team led by the United Kingdom. The team consists of fourteen personnel. This team executes mine clearance tasks in their operating area.

In 2005, an EOD platoon was established in Tapa Combat Support Training Centre for fulfilling domestic and international EOD tasks. The EOD platoon is a fully professional unit. Currently the EOD platoon does not have full capabilities (does not possess Improvised Explosive Device Detection or Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear EOD capabilities). Since 1 July 2006 to 10 January 2007 the EOD team is in a 5-day deployability readiness in the structure of the NATO Response Forces (NRF-7). The team consists of fifteen personnel.

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: unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

High Contracting Party Estonia reporting for time period from 22/09/2005 to 11/09/2006

Means and technologies of mine clearance

Lists of experts and experts agencies

National points of contact on mine clearance
