

**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**

THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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)

(This report does not provide any information concerning implementation of the Amended Protocol II in the transnistrian region, currently controlled by a separatist anti-constitutional entity and where the Russian Federation's troops and ammunitions are still deployed, without the consent of the Government of the Republic of Moldova)

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

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY **The Republic of Moldova**

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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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 **Republic** reporting for
Contracting **of** time period
Party **Moldova** from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005

Information to the armed forces

The information on the Protocol is disseminated among the military personnel by means of instructive lectures and relevant instructions for military personnel involved in the implementation process of the Amended Protocol II. Relevant military instructions for National Army personnel have been elaborated.

Information to the civilian population

The civilian population has been informed of the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Convention and its annexed Protocols (incl. Amended Protocol II). During the provided mine clearance operation, all the information regarding Protocol was disseminated by the military personnel of engineer units to the civilian population living in such areas. Although Moldovan Authorities could not undertake such measures and do not possess any information regarding existence of such programs in the transnistrian region, currently controlled by a separatist anti-constitutional entity.

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	Republic of Moldova	reporting for time period from	<u>1 January 2005</u> to <u>31 December 2005</u>
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Mine clearance programmes

In 2005, 916 pieces of stockpiled anti-personnel mines was destroyed. There are no mined areas on the territory under control of the Moldovan Government. But some old munitions left from the World War II could be found in the ground. There is a high probability of existing mined areas in some regions on the left side on the river Nistru where took place transnistrian armed conflict. Specialized MoD sappers teams could not provide any operations in the separatist region. No information is available on the existence and location of mined areas in the Transnistrian region, which is not controlled currently by the central authorities.

Rehabilitation programmes

Currently, no rehabilitation programmes for persons injured by antipersonnel mines explosions are conducted. There are no such victims on the territory controlled by the constitutional authorities of the Republic of Moldova.

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

Sappers from the National Army used in the process of antipersonnel land mines clearance mine detection equipment. Such an equipment is intended for manual mine clearance and work with it is slow. However, it ensures a high level of security in inspected areas. Requirements concerning theoretical and practical training are well known and integrated into regular training plans for engineering units.

Any other relevant information

During the period between 19 May and 8 June 2006, the Republic of Moldova destroyed its entire stockpile of antipersonnel land mines retained under article 3 of the Ottawa Convention, as follows: 59 units of OZM – 72; 12 units of MON – 50; 178 units of MON – 100. In this regard, the Republic of Moldova finalized the destruction process of its last amount of anti-personnel mines. The Republic of Moldova does not possess anti-personnel mines.

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:

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Legislation

Presently there is no national legislation specifically related to the Convention, the existing one is sufficient to give effect to the Protocol. The Republic of Moldova ratified the Amended Protocol II on 20 April 2001 and deposited the instrument of ratification to the Secretary-General of the UN on 29 May 2001. The Amended Protocol II entered into force for the Republic of Moldova on 16 January 2002. Recently the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in cooperation with other relevant national institutions, initiated the drafting process of a law on regime of arms, munitions, materials and explosive substances.

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;”

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International technical information exchange

Since 1994 the National Army of the Republic of Moldova has actively been participating in various international activities organized within the framework of the Partnership for Peace Program. The specialists from engineer units are involved in the process of a close cooperation with the militaries of other countries. It positively contributed to the increase of their proficiency. Exchanges of information on mines and mine clearance methods are one of the essential parts of the above-mentioned activities.

International cooperation on mine clearance

Within the period of September 2003 – June 2006 the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units of the National Army were deployed to Iraq for mine, UXO and Improvised Explosives Devices (IED) clearance and disposal. As a result, more than 451,766 mines, UXO and IED were destroyed. In July 2006 the second MoD sappers team from the National Army were deployed to Iraq for mine, UXO and Improvised Explosives Devices (IED) clearance and disposal.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

On 28th of June 2001, the Republic of Moldova and NATO signed an Agreement for assistance in the destruction of the stockpiles of anti-personnel mines.

Form F Other relevant matters

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

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Other relevant matters

The Republic of Moldova has fully implemented its obligations under the Ottawa Convention.

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.”

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Means and technologies of mine clearance

The information on mine clearance methods and techniques are defined in existing regulations and instructions.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

Refer to national points of contact on mine clearance.

National points of contact on mine clearance

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