

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: SWEDEN

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

YES

NO

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Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2015**

dd/mm/yyyy

to: **31/12/2015**

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Form A: Dissemination of information:

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(last reporting year: 2009)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: 2009)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

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(last reporting year: 2009)

Form D: Legislation:

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Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

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Form F: Other relevant matters:

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

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

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] 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:

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

The Swedish Armed Forces (SAF) are involved in the work on standardizing mine action conducted by NATO through Partnership for Peace.

At the Nordic level, there are networks between the Defence Research Establishments. **The Swedish EOD and Demining Centre (SWEDEC)** is a Swedish Centre of Excellence for mine clearance and explosive ordnance disposal, as well as humanitarian demining within the SAF. SWEDEC is responsible for active participation in international efforts and information exchange.

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) and SAF through SWEDEC are actively supporting **GICHD** both directly and indirectly in many activities. A good example of such support is the test and evaluation activity at SWEDEC of demining machines using the CEN Workshop Agreement no. 15044 now being a worldwide accepted standard for such equipment.

MSB is a Stand-by partner to the **UN** and **ICRC** and conducts humanitarian operations, including humanitarian mine action, worldwide.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

During the period covered by this report (2015), Sweden contributed at least SEK 51 640 000 to mine action. Most of this was channelled through the **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)**. For details, see the attached Table 1.

The **Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)** is operational in the field of mine action in support of primarily UNMAS and the ICRC. MSB has an EOD rapid response capacity, as well as expertise in fields such as Mechanical Clearance, Quality Assurance (QA), Mine Detection Dogs (MDD) and IMSMA.

In the reporting period, Mine Action activities have been carried out by the MSB, through UNMAS, in Somalia. The objectives of the UNMAS programme were to implement activities to minimize the impact of explosive hazards for the Somali population and humanitarian actors; support the effective delivery of a sustainable national explosive management capacity; and enable the African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM) to fulfill its mandate with greater safety and freedom of movement. MSB has assisted in the areas of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) training and Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) to enhance the Federal Government of Somalia's capacity to mitigate explosive threats and improve weapons, ammunition and explosive management capacity.

Sweden has also supported EOD activities in Yemen, through seconded expertise from MSB to ICRC.

During the period covered by this report, MSB has conducted technical training and exercises within Mine Action.

In 1997, Sweden established **SWEDEC**.

SWEDEC is the country's focal point on technical matters, development, education and training.

Today SWEDEC is focused on education and training of individual officers and military units on Conventional Munitions Disposal (CMD) and Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD) as well as related research and development.

Sweden is lead nation in the user group for EOD IS where SWEDEC offers an important contribution.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

The SWEDEC test facilities at Norra Kulla (NK) have been used since 2004 to test and evaluate various mine clearance machines requested from the UN, GICHD, and demining industries. Some examples are:

- During 2015 the Digger D-250 demining machine was tested at the SWEDEC test facilities Norra Kulla
- The demining machine Armtrac 75t-230 was scheduled and planned to be tested in April 2016.
- GICHD and SWEDEC started discussion of planning for tests of large loop UXO detectors at SWEDEC facility 2016.
- The NATO STO SCI-256 Task Group 'Route threat detection and clearance technologies' conducted a demonstration of culvert inspection technologies from October 5th through 9th at Norra Kulla (NK) test site of SWEDEC, the Swedish Demining and EOD Centre.
- PSSM support to Bosnian and Moldovan authorities.
- Under 2015 SWEDEC participated in clearance of shooting ranges in the Baltic region.
- SWEDEC contributed in improvement of the ERW-protocol concerning UXO.

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Swedish Development Cooperation in Mine action¹ (including cluster munitions/ERW) disbursed budget year 2015

Contributions by recipient and sector

Sector	Recipient Country	Recipient Organisation/ Institution	Amount in donor currency (SEK)	Donor Government Agency/ Department
Country Based Allocation				
Mine Action	Afghanistan	Danish Demining Group, DDG	20 000 000	Sida
GLOBAL program allocation				
Mine Action	South Sudan, Myanmar, Libya, Iraq	Danish Demining Group, DDG and Mines Advisory Group, MAG	15 000 000	Sida
Mine Action (secondment of experts)	Somalia	Swedish Contingencies Agency, MSB and UNMAS/UNSOM	5 000 000	Sida
Mine Action/Awareness raising	Global	United Nations Development Programme, UNDP	4 950 000	Sida
Mine Action/Awareness raising	Global	Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, GIHCD	2 500 000	Sida
Mine Action/Awareness raising	Global	ICRC, Weapon Contamination Unit	1 700 000	Sida
Mine Action/Awareness raising	Global	Geneva Call	840 000	Sida

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The definition of Mine Action used includes the following elements: i) Mine awareness (measures to make people aware of and to inform people of the risks of mines and unexploded ammunition) ii) Demining (survey, mapping, marking, clearance) iii) Victim assistance (support to victims of mines, including rehabilitation and reintegration), iv) Advocacy (efforts to exert an influence in respect of limitation on the use of landmines and the total prohibition of anti-personal mines), v) Stockpile destruction (destruction of mines in stock). If "Mine Action" is indicated it implies a contribution integrating all the elements in the definition stated. If specific elements in the definition are indicated it implies that a contribution focuses on the indicated elements.

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OTHER support				
Mine Action	Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam	Norwegian People's Aid, NPA	1 000 000	MFA
Awareness/Advocacy	Global	APLC Implementation Support Unit	500 000	MFA
Awareness/Advocacy (The Monitor)	Global	ICBL-CMC	150 000	MFA
TOTAL (SEK)			51 640 000	