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

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X YES

□ NO
REPORTING PERIOD: 15/10/2007 to 10/09/2008

Form A: Dissemination of information: X changed □ unchanged

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: X changed □ unchanged

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: □ changed X unchanged (last reporting: 2007)

Form D: Legislation: X changed □ unchanged

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

Form F: Other relevant matters: X changed □ unchanged

Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: X changed □ unchanged
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X YES

□ NO

□ Partially, only the following forms:

A □ B □ C □ D □ E □ F □ G □
Form A  Dissemination of information

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

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

Remark:

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Information to the armed forces

In addition to promulgation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols in the official journal of valid international treaties binding for the Czech Republic (”Collection of International Treaties” – www.mver.cz), these documents are also available to Czech Armed Forces on official web-site of the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic (www.army.cz) where they are included in the documentary database of the International Law Department.

In order to prevent its violations, the content of Protocol II and technical annexes is covered by military instructions and operating procedures. Military training includes duties and responsibilities of military personnel to comply with the provisions of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

Information to the civilian population

The Convention and its Protocols I-IV have been promulgated in Czech official journal ”Collection of International Treaties” under no. 21/1999 of the Coll. Amended article I together with Protocol V were after its entry into force for the Czech Republic promulgated under no. 115/2006 of the Coll.
Form B  Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

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Mine clearance programmes

Mine clearance programmes - The Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation in the former military zones has been already finished in March 2004.

Based on our experience, Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation can be characterised as a process of search, detection and destruction of ammunition and elements of ammunition in the target and endangered areas of the former fire ranges, and remains of ammunition left or dumped in ammunition dumps, buildings or open terrain. A UXO from Austria-Hungarian period, from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which was based there till 1989, could be found there.

UXO - UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Rehabilitation programmes

Nothing to report
Form D  Legislation

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

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Legislation

In accordance with Czech law, promulgated treaties, to the ratification of which the Parliament has given its consent and by which the Czech Republic is bound, form a part of the legal order; if a treaty provides something other than that which a statute provides, the treaty shall apply. That means that the Convention and its annexed Protocols are self-executing in the Czech Republic.

The Criminal Code of the Czech Republic (no. 140/1961 of the Collection of Laws - www.mvcr.cz) includes paragraph no. 185a, called “Development, production and possession of prohibited means of combat”. This provision determines that it is a crime to develop, produce, import, export, store or accumulate weapons or means of combat prohibited by law or international treaty, or to dispose of these weapons or means of combat in any other way. This provision further determines possible punishment for such a crime – imprisonment for a term of one year up to five years.

See Form A - Dissemination of information
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:

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International technical information exchange

Nothing to report

International cooperation on mine clearance

1. Participation of Armed Forces of the Czech Republic in mine clearance operations

AFGHANISTAN
   • ISAF PRT Logar, International Security Assistance Force Provincial Reconstruction Teams (NATO military operation) – 23 troops:
     o UXO and AXO clearance;
     o IEDD clearance.

KOSOVO
   • KFOR, Kosovo Force (NATO military operation) – 18 troops:
     o UXO and AXO clearance;
     o Mine risk education.

2. Support affected countries in 2007

AFGHANISTAN
   • Total amount 18,867,297.00 CZK (1,070,181.34 USD)
   • Support through NATO
   • Type of action  – UXO and AXO clearance
     – IEDD clearance
SERBIA
- Total amount 1,469,832.00 CZK (83,371.00 USD*)
- Support through “ITF” (International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance)
- Type of action – mine clearance

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE
- Total amount 530,157.10 CZK (30,071.30 USD*)
- Support through “ITF” (International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance)
- Type of action – mine victim assistance

SOUTH LEBANON
- Total amount 1,000,000.00 CZK (55,199.82 USD)
- Support through “UNDDA” (United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs)
- Type of action – EOD
  – mine action

WORLDWIDE
- Total amount 1,960,000.00 CZK (111,174.13 USD*)
- Support through “GICHD” (Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining)
- Type of action – mine action

- Total amount 40,000.00 CZK (1,971.32 USD)
- Support through “ICBL” (International Campaign to Ban Landmines)
- Type of action – coordination (2007 Landmine monitor publication)

*While the amounts in bold letters correspond to real sums transferred, the amounts in *italics* were calculated according to the exchange rate from September 11, 2008 (USD 1 = CZK 17.63)

AXO - ABANDONED EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE
EOD - EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
IEDD - IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DISPOSAL
UXO - UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Nothing to report
Form F Other relevant matters

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

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Other relevant matters

On 23rd July 2008 the Military Strategy of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Military Strategy) was approved by the Governmental Resolution, Nr. 907 (www.army.cz).* According the Military Strategy the Czech Republic is ready to actively contribute to military operations that represent the most likely scenario of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Armed Forces)** deployment. Within operation tasks related to the conduct of combat activities as well as tasks of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction can be fulfilled successively or simultaneously.

* The Military Strategy brings forth a set of basic principles for defence of the state and for development of the Armed Forces and therefore provides a point of reference for formulation of subsequent strategies and policies or may even bring about appropriate legislative changes. The Military Strategy reflects upon the current and future global security environment while building upon security interests and defence as well as foreign policy principles defined in the Security Strategy of the Czech Republic. Furthermore, this document keeps true to the fundamental principles of the NATO’s Strategic Concept and Comprehensive Political Guidance, and the EU’s European Security Strategy.

** The Armed Forces are, for purposes of the Military Strategy, understood in a different perspective than Law no. 219/1999 Coll., on Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (www.mvcr.cz), and they comprise Army of the Czech Republic, Military Police and Military Intelligence.
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 engineer units of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic are equipped with the Midi-flail mine clearance system BOZENA 5 (hereinafter referred as BOZENA).

BOZENA is a tracked mechanical mine clearing machine remotely controlled by a transmitter with a range of 2000 m, meant for clearing AP mines both pressure and tripwire fused and for AT mines up to 9 kg of TNT charged. The system shall be suitable for clearing large mine affected areas. It will mainly be road transported on trailer between working areas. BOZENA 5 is controlled from an armoured, air-conditioned cabin by an operator with line-of-sight visibility. BOZENA is protected from detonations by an armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal covering, giving protection against damage from detonations.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

Nothing to report

National points of contact on mine clearance

Nothing to report