

**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 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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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DATE OF SUBMISSION **February 2006**

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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 A Dissemination of information

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

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

Remark:

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Contracting **People’s** reporting for time February 2005 to January 2006
Party **Republic of** period from:
 Bangladesh _____ _____

Information to the armed forces

The Armed Forces are the only Authorized Agency permitted to use mines in Bangladesh which are permitted by the OTTAWA Convention. The provisions of Amended Protocol II and its implications are being periodically disseminated to the Armed Forces through:

- a. Presentations on the subject at important seminars, symposiums and conferences held under the auspices of the Bangladesh Armed Forces.
- b. Officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Services Headquarters (Army, Navy and Air Force) interact frequently for exchange of views and information on the implementation of the provisions of Amended Protocol II.

Information to the civilian population

NGOs active in the field of International Humanitarian and Disarmament Law have helped sensitise the general public to the problem of landmines and create awareness of such international instruments, in particular the Amended Protocol II, to address this problem. Incidents of use of Improvised Explosive Devices by Terrorists (if any) are reported in the electronic and print media. At government level, Mine Risk Education (MRE) program is in progress.

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

Since Bangladesh does not produce any landmines, therefore, no step was needed to meet technical requirements of this Protocol.

Any other relevant information

Nil.

Form D Legislation

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

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Legislation

The Anti-personnel Mine Ban Treaty prohibiting the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines was signed by Bangladesh Government on 07 May 1998 and ratified on 01 March 2001. Bangladesh is the only country in South Asia to become a State-party of the Treaty. In August 2001, Bangladesh established a national committee to oversee implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty. Domestic legislation to implement the Mine Ban Treaty is in its final stage. As per the treaty obligations, we have already destroyed total 1,089,227 mines. Presently 15,000 mines have been retained for the the purpose of training.

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) Depositary ... 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

A large number of countries are contributing towards UN sponsored mine clearance programmes. Information/data on technical aspects of these missions, such as type of mine encountered, activation mechanism and other characteristics, method of laying , marking and recording, types of mine clearance equipment (manual, mechanical and explosive types) need to be shared. Bangladesh intends to share this information with other States Parties and invites them to do likewise. In this regard, the UN through its respective desk may collect information from Force Headquarters or any other organization working in different geographic areas of the globe and disseminate the same to different countries to keep all updated.

International cooperation on mine clearance

During the period under review, Bangladesh has contributed its forces for mine clearance in UN missions in the following countries:

- a. Kuwait
- b. Eritrea
- c. Liberia
- d. Sudan

In classical sense, though no area mine clearance operations were carried out by Bangladesh Forces in the above countries, stray incidents of mine clearance were carried out whenever such mines were encountered.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Bangladesh is ready to contribute technical assistance and expertise to mine clearance projects/schemes and rehabilitation programmes for other States Parties. Bangladesh strongly supports technical cooperation measures in the areas of mine clearance technology (usage of equipment, training and so on) and urges capable States Parties to contribute to such measures.

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.”

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Other relevant matters

Nil.

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

- a. Manual By hand-held mine detectors and prodders.
- b. Mechanical Flail and trail.
- c. Explosives By detonation.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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