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✓ Reservation: 2

"Canada reserves the right to transfer and use a small number of mines prohibited under this Protocol to be used exclusively for training and testing purposes. Canada will ensure that the number of such mines shall not exceed that absolutely necessary for such purposes."

✓ Declarations:

- "1. It is the understanding of the Government of Canada that:
  (a) The compliance of commanders and others responsible for planning, deciding upon, or executing attacks to which the Convention and its Protocols apply cannot be judged on the basis of information which subsequently comes to light but must be assessed on the basis of the information available to them at the time that such actions were taken; and
  (b) Where terms are not defined in the present Convention and its Protocols they shall, so far as is relevant, be construed in the same sense as terms contained in additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949.

2. With respect to Protocol I, it is the understanding of the Government of Canada that the use of plastics or similar materials for detonators or other weapons parts not designed to cause injury is not prohibited.

3. With respect to Protocol II, it is the understanding of the Government of Canada that:

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1 In accordance with Article 3, the Convention was “…open for signature by all States at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for a period of twelve months from 10 April 1981.”

2 Made upon consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II.
(a) Any obligation to record the location of remotely delivered mines pursuant to sub-
paragraph 1 (a) of article 5 refers to the location of mine fields and not to the location 
of individual remotely delivered mines;
(b) The term “pre-planned”, as used in sub-paragraph 1 (a) of article 7 means that the 
position of the minefield in question should have been determined in advance so that 
an accurate record of the location of the minefield, when laid, can be made;
(c) The phrase “similar functions” used in article 8, includes the concepts of “peace-
making, preventive peace-keeping and peace enforcement” as defined in an agenda 
4. With respect to Protocol III, it is the understanding of the Government of Canada 
that the expression “clearly separated” in paragraph 3 of article 2 includes both spatial 
separation or separation by means of an effective physical barrier between the military 
objective and the concentration of civilians."

• [Same declaration, mutatis mutandis, as the one made by Ireland.] 3

✓ Statements of Understanding: 4

" 1. It is understood that the provisions of Amended Protocol II shall, as the context 
requires, be observed at all times.

2. It is understood that the word "primarily" is included in Article 2, paragraph 3 of 
Amended Protocol II to clarify that mines designed to be detonated by the presence, 
proximity or contact of a vehicle as opposed to a person, that are equipped with anti-
handling devices, are not considered anti-personnel mines as a result of being so 
equipped.

3. It is understood that the maintenance of a minefield referred to in Article 10, in 
accordance with the standards on marking, monitoring and protection by fencing or 
other means set out in Amended Protocol II, would not be considered as a use of the 
mines contained therein."

3 Made upon consent to be bound by Protocol IV.
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