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)

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Form A

Dissemination of information

Article 13 / 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

[From the Annual Report of Switzerland on the CCW and its Protocols, Form A]

The protection of people who are not or are no longer taking part in hostilities and strengthening of the restriction of the methods and means of warfare have always been priorities for Switzerland. Our country puts therefore every effort in upholding the standards set by international humanitarian law (IHL) with regard to all parties involved.

Swiss military doctrine, along with the respective regulations and manuals, reflect the law of armed conflict and its principles including the norms and regulations of the CCW and its Protocols, including amended Protocol II.

Armed Forces personnel are educated in IHL during basic training (recruit school) and in all military cadre schools; IHL is part of the curriculum of the Swiss Armed Forces Training Centre (all cadre courses, including courses for General Staff Officers), the Swiss Military Academy as well as of schools and courses for legal advisors. Legal advisors attend the Military Course on International Humanitarian Law at the San Remo Institute, and members of the Armed Forces participating in PSO receive an instruction on IHL and on specific Rules of Engagement.

Officer candidates are also regularly instructed in the central officer's school on arms control issues, the norms and regulations of IHL, as well as on the CCW and its Protocols (including amended Protocol II). Dissemination of the law of armed conflict to a wider public is promoted by interactive CD-ROMs and an internet web-site (www.loac.ch).
Every member of the Swiss Armed Forces performing service (i.e. national defence service, public order service, training of the armed forces, support to civilian authorities, and international peace support and crisis management) has to respect the law (including the norms IHL). Illegal orders, especially when their execution is resulting in a violation of IHL or international human rights law (HR), must not be carried out. Commanders are obliged to respect and ensure respect of IHL and HR within their sphere of responsibility.

Members of the Swiss Armed Forces are instructed and trained to use weapons and munitions only according to design and authorised use, thus not to make any technical alterations to them.

The Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT gives instructions to soldiers and officers preparing a mission abroad. These instructions (e.g. Mine Risk Education) raise awareness and assure the correct behaviour regarding mines, unexploded remnants of war and booby traps. The Swiss EOD Center (Competence center for explosive ordnance disposal, military and humanitarian demining) instructs its international deployed supervisors on the CCW and its Protocols as part of the internal humanitarian demining course.

Information to the civilian population

The civilian population has been informed on several occasions on the results of the Annual Conferences of the States Parties to the amended Protocol II by public statements of Government representatives and annual public reports on the implementation of the Mine Action Strategy of the Swiss Confederation. At the occasion of the internal ratification-process of the amended Protocol II and the Mine Ban Treaty as well as at the introduction of the Swiss Federal Act on War Material, the Swiss Parliament and the civilian population have been informed repeatedly about the new obligations arising from the said legal instruments.
Form B  Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13 / 4 / b  "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

Remark: The territory of Switzerland contains neither mined areas nor areas suspected to contain mines.

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Form C  **Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13/4/c  "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

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**Technical requirements**

Switzerland destroyed all its anti-personnel landmines by 15 March 1999.

All anti-tank mines held by the Swiss Armed Forces fulfil the requirements of the amended Protocol II.

**Any other relevant information**

Switzerland has taken all anti-tank mines of the type Pz Mi 60 out of service. They have all been destroyed by early 2003.
Form D  Legislation

Article 13/4/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

On 13 December 1996, the Swiss Parliament enacted national legislation prohibiting the development, production, brokerage, acquisition, import, export, transfer, stockpiling, use and possession of and any other activity relating to APM (Swiss Federal Law on War Material). The only activities permitted are those which are directly related to the destruction of or the protection against APM. With entry into force of the amended Protocol II on 3 December 1998 and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction of 1997 (Mine Ban Treaty) on 1 March 1999 for Switzerland, these international legal instruments became integral parts of the Swiss legislation. The definition of "APM" applied in the Swiss Federal Law on War Material was extended to the definition used in the Mine Ban Treaty and the amended Protocol II. According to the modified Article 8 of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material, "APM" is defined as any explosive device that is placed in or on the ground or any other surface or in their proximity and is designed or modified to explode by the presence, proximity or contact of a person and that is intended to incapacitate, injure or kill one or more persons. Mines designed to detonate upon the presence, proximity or contact of a vehicle as opposed to a person and those are equipped with anti-handling devices, are not considered anti-personnel mines as a result of being so equipped. This amendment entered into force on 1 March 1999. In addition, the Swiss Parliament adapted art. 8 of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material to the exact wording of art. 2 (3) and art. 3 (1) of the Mine Ban Treaty. This amendment entered into force on 1 June 2004.
Form E

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

Article 13 / 4 / e

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international co-operation on mine clearance, and on technical co-operation and assistance;

Remark:---

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International technical information exchange

The Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) participated in international information exchanges in various ways, among others, by providing technical information and practical demonstrations on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) systems for the contact-free disposal of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and mines, but also by organising training courses with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) for Mine Action Specialists within the EAPC/PiP framework.
International co-operation on mine clearance / Technical cooperation

[Based on the Annual Report of Switzerland for the CCW Convention and its annexed Protocols for the year 2013]

International co-operation and assistance provided: In 2013, Switzerland attributed more than CHF 17 million to mine action, which includes the engagements in regard to international co-operation and assistance. Due to well-known practical reasons, the attribution to activities addressing the threat posed by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and other ERWs cannot always be clearly separated and quantified.

Switzerland’s engagement in international co-operation and assistance is based on the Mine Action Strategy of the Swiss Confederation 2012-2015, which defines a whole of government approach to, all activities in regard to address the threats posed by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war on policy as well as on operational level.

On that basis, Switzerland provides assistance to mine / cluster munitions / ERW affected countries in terms of funds, material and personnel:

- The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) supports clearing-projects, projects integrating mine action into development, risk awareness campaigns and victim assistance projects mainly through financial contributions in priority countries such as: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Kosovo, Laos or Libya for about CHF 5.9 million.

- The FDFA also provides substantial political and financial support to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD): in the reporting period, Switzerland contributed about CHF 8.9 million to the GICHD, which acts as a facilitator, strategic adviser, research body and think tank in the field of Mine Action (including ERW). The Implementation Support Unit (ISU), which serves the States Parties to the APMBC, is hosted by the GICHD with considerable in-kind contributions from Switzerland (about CH 0.5 million per annum).

- In addition, the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) is providing experts for Mine Action Programmes by the UN on a voluntary basis. Switzerland supports UN-Mine Action programmes with specialists in the fields of logistics, finance, administration and information management as well as with EOD specialists. During the reporting period January 2013 to December 2013, Swiss Mine Action specialists were deployed to programs in, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Somaliland/Puntland, South Sudan, UNOPS and UNMAS HQ in New York and Western Sahara. During the reporting period, CHF 2.6 million have been spent for the assignment of personnel. The DDPS further developed and updated its specific training courses for future experts to be sent to international Mine Action Programs.
Furthermore, the DDPS offers EOD systems. This offer includes not only the material but also training and support (follow-up deliveries may take place upon request). During the reporting period January to December 2013, no request for a delivery was submitted. Among the material provided by the DDPS to international Mine Action Programs, SM EOD-Systems are the most prominent items.

Since 2000 Switzerland has been offering international training courses on the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) via the channels of the Partnership for Peace Program (PfP). Having revised the courses in 2009, Switzerland now annually offers a series of courses in different fields of mine action. In the reporting period, two courses were offered by the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) at the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) with the following topics: “Civil-Military Cooperation / Ammunition Safety and Stockpile Management” and “Quality Management in Mine Action”. The courses took place in October 2013 in Geneva.
Form F  

Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.

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Other relevant matters

According to the new mine action policy 2012-2015, the Swiss Government will continue its contributions to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
Form G  

Information to the UN-database on mine clearance  

Article 11 para 2 

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially on:

- 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  

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