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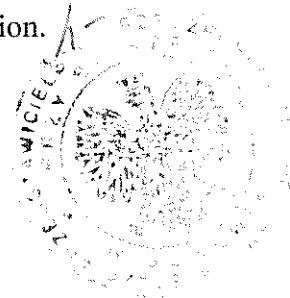
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva and kindly submits: the Annual Report of CCW Compliance Mechanism, the Annual Report of CCW V Protocol, the Annual Report of CCW Amended Protocol II.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 30 March 2016



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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

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: 30.03.2016

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YES

NO

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Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2015
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Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

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

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

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

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REPORTING FORMATS

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

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D

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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:

High Contracting Party:

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed and trained in the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict including the rules set by the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:

- **military and postgraduate studies and qualification courses dedicated for candidates for professional officers, officers, military commanders and legal advisors organized by Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools;**
- **training, special and qualification courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilian personnel realized in training centers of all armed services;**
- **the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;**
- **military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the International Humanitarian Law norms and regulations;**

In 2015 representatives of the Polish Armed Forces took part in special courses for military and civilian personnel organized in the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo.

Training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before deployment.

25 May 2015 the 8th Science Conference on International Humanitarian Law was organized by the Polish Naval Academy (PNA). It was addressed to civilians and military personnel. Additionally the PNA has published the 5th yearbook "International Humanitarian Law".

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) under the auspices of the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross (PRC), which operates from 1977 is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contains a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The library is available to students and post-graduates in law, political sciences and international relations, as well as secondary school students, representatives of the governmental institutions and armed forces, NGOs and PRC workers and volunteers from across the country.

During 2015, the PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized a number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law and participated in a number of endeavours. The most relevant were the following:

- XIX edition of the course organized by Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict in Radziejowice – an annual 5-day course for students from civil and military universities, representatives of the governmental institutions and Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers. Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major polish Universities, governmental institutions and Armed Forces. One evening session of the course was devoted to the issue of landmines in Poland;
- participation in Compact Eagle 2015 – a multinational NATO Exercise conducted by Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast. The aim of this computer assisted command post exercise – simulating the execution of a NATO-led Article 5 Collective Defence operation in order to reestablish territorial integrity of a NATO member state – was to train the personnel of the Multinational Corps Northeast and subordinate units designated for cooperation in the field of high-intensity combat operations;
- participation in a NGOs coalition „Civil society and the development of Polish combat drones” project dedicated to the issue of the future of Polish combat drones and carried out together with the Central and Eastern European Initiative for International Criminal Law and Human Rights foundation, Norwegian Peace Association, LokaLOVE organization and Polish Debating Foundation;
- lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized and hosted by National Defence Academy, Military Center for Civic Education, University of Warsaw, among others – several times during 2015;
- panel by a PRC representative in the Military Training Center for Foreign Operations in Kielce;
- continuation of a e-learnig course “We discover humanitarian law” targeted at teachers of basic and secondary schools;
- organization of the annual Professor Remigiusz Bierzanek Competition for the best Ph.D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
- coordination of the activities of the International Humanitarian Law Commission and related actions, including:
 - initiatives on promotion and dissemination of IHL,
 - networking and knowledge sharing,
 - publication and promotion of books.

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- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including:

- assessment of applications for use of the emblem.**
- interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale.**

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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:

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

<p>In 2015 the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) in amount of USD 35 000. The contribution to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action was earmarked for UNMAS activities in Gaza. Due to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict lasting from July to August 2014 UNMAS has prepared a three-phase post-conflict reconstruction plan: Gaza Emergency Response. Implementation of the plan will be completed in 2016</p> <p>At the reporting period Poland contributed to alleviation of humanitarian problems caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war. Specifically, the Polish Engineering Forces personnel being engaged in stabilizing missions in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations - additionally to their mandatory tasks. These activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to local communities.</p> <p>At the reporting period 6 Polish deminers were directly involved in demining and clearing activities during missions abroad. They were not directly engaged in activities related to</p>

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mine clearance.

During 2015 the Polish Engineering Forces personnel have organized 7 trainings specifically directed to local population on mine threat awareness. Additionally, Military and Police Advisory Teams permanently conducted awareness training to local population on the ERW threat.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE: