

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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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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REPORTING PERIOD: 01/10/2007 to 01/09/2008

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

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

changed
 unchanged

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

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

changed
 unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form A Dissemination of information

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

As in previous years all ranks soldiers within the Polish Armed Forces have received on the routine basis training commensurate with their duties and responsibilities to comply with the provisions of the Amended Protocol II (AP II) to the Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons. Moreover, due attention was dedicated to the Amendment Protocol II issues both during four special courses on International Humanitarian Law organised for squadron, battalion and sub-unit commanders and in the framework of soldiers training before sending them to the NATO mission in Afghanistan.

Information to the civilian population

Unchanged (last reporting 2003).

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 Depository ... 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

Unchanged (last reporting 2006)

International cooperation on mine clearance

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by irresponsible use of landmines in different parts of the world. In particular the Polish Engineering Forces personnel were engaged in various peacekeeping and stabilising missions abroad, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities included among others removal and destruction of mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

In the reporting period Polish personnel, acting in close co-operation with other participants of the mission, fulfilled in particular following tasks:

- identification and mitigation of threats caused by mines and UXO;
- mines and UXO cleaning activities;
- removal of unexploded ordnance and abandoned munitions from affected areas and storage facilities;
- participation in the evacuation and rescue actions from areas affected by mines;
- mine threat control associated with preliminary adaptation of buildings for personnel needs;
- providing warning and risk education to the affected communities

In 2007* 43 Polish de-miners were directly involved in demining and clearing activities in the military missions listed below. They identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

- Under auspicious of UN - UNDOF Syria:
 - 16 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 415 pcs of unexploded ordnance - various types of munitions;
- Under auspicious of NATO - KFOR Kosovo:
 - 2 pcs of anti-personnel mines;
 - 107 pcs of unexploded ordnance - hand grenades and other types of munitions;
 - moreover area of 289 000 m² was checked and cleared;
- Under auspicious of NATO - ISAF Afghanistan:
 - 7 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 14 226 pcs of unexploded ordnance - hand grenades, missiles and other types of munitions;
 - 534 kg of explosives.

The total cost borne by Ministry of Defence as result of deploying of 43 of de-miners, who were directly involved in UXO and mine clearance operations in 2007, has been estimated to be about 620 000 €. The amount expenditures indicated above covers vaccinations, training, insurance, salary as well as board and accommodation costs but omits operational costs related to transportation means and other military equipment.

* The current reporting procedures concerning dangerous items do not allow to present data corresponding exactly to the reporting period.