

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)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2.

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY

THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

DATE OF SUBMISSION

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NO

Partially only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

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

NATIONAL ARMED FORCES (NAF) provides basic training in mine clearing and mine laying to enable the individual soldier to survive during the most common situations of land mine warfare. Officer and NCO education includes legal aspect of Amended Protocol II

Amended Protocol II was ratified by Latvia on June 22, 2002 and came into force on February 22, 2003.

Information to the civilian population

The Republic of Latvia has no land-mine contaminated areas. WWII UXOs detected by civilians are reported to local police authorities and National Armed Forces. Institutions that are involved in assuring security to the civilians are National Armed Forces and local police forces.

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 programs;”

Remark:

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Mine clearance programmes

There have been no identified suspected minefields in the territory of the Republic of Latvia and therefore no mine clearance programs have been required. National Armed Forces provides EOD education programs for participants in PSOs.

LNAF is in charge of land clearance from unexploded remnants from WW1 and WW2 as well as those left by Soviet Army, which still can be found in considerable quantity.

Latvian EOD team participates in international operations. Currently LNAF have an EOD team in Afghanistan.

Form C

Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13 / 4 / c

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the 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

All mines and other military devices in the Republic of Latvia inventory comply fully with the technical provisions of Amended Protocol II. Latvia has ratified all points of the Amended Protocol II.

Any other relevant information

N/A

Form D

Legislation

Article 13 / 4 / d

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

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Legislation

September 16, 1992 Decision of the Supreme Council on the Accession 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 of October 10, 1980
Convention entered into force July 4, 1993

July 5, 2002 Law On 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 of October 10, 1980, Protocol II

April 1, 2003 Law On 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 of October 10, 1980, Article 1 Amendment

June 2, 2005 Law on the Convention On The Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production And Transfer Of Anti-Personnel Mines And On Their Destruction
Convention entered into force January 1, 2006

July 5, 2007 Amendment to the Law On 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 of October 10, 1980, Protocol II

Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation 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 cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

Remark:

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International technical information exchange

LNAF have technical information exchange with the Armed forces of the Kingdom of Norway.
LNAF have applied for Swedish EOD IS. Currently EOD IS Database is issued to LNAF for evaluation. The decision about joining Swedish EOD IS Database will be taken in nearest future.

International cooperation on mine clearance

N/A

Technical cooperation and assistance

LNAF and the Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Norway had bilateral project concerning the establishment of EOD school in Latvia. Project has been successfully completed. The co-operation continues in area of IEDD education.
LNAF have received considerable technical (engineer equipment) and educational (training for engineer personnel) assistance from Sweden and Denmark.

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.

Remark:

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Other relevant matters

N/A

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

N/A

Lists of experts and expert agencies

N/A

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