

**EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO AMENDED PROTOCOL II
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**

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**Consideration of matters arising from
reports by High Contracting Parties
according to paragraph 4 of Article 13
of the Amended Protocol II**

THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the
Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines,
Booby-Traps and Other Devices
as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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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Form A Dissemination of information

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

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed
forces and to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	<u>Latvia</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>1 October 2005</u>	to	<u>1 October 2006</u>
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Information to the armed forces

NATIONAL ARMED FORCES 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 August 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, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (b) Depository ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	<u>Latvia</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>1 October 2005</u>	to	<u>1 October 2006</u>
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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.

Rehabilitation programmes

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Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (c) Depository ... on:

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party	<u>Latvia</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>1 October 2005</u>	to	<u>1 October 2006</u>
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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, only point 2 section b will come into force on August 22, 2011.

Any other relevant information

N/A.

Form D Legislation

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (d) Depository ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

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Legislation

Currently there are no additional legislation documents drafted in order to introduce the requirements of the Amended Protocol II into the legislation of Republic of Latvia.

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

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (e) 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		reporting for time period	
	<u>Latvia</u>	from	<u>1 October 2005</u> to <u>1 October 2006</u>

International technical information exchange

LNAF has technical information exchange with the Armed forces of the Kingdom of Norway concerning EOD and not mine clearance.

LNAF has applied for Swedish EOD IS. Currently EOD IS Database is issued to LNAF for evaluation. The decision making process about joining Swedish EOD IS “membership” will be taken in 2007.

International cooperation on mine clearance

N/A.

International co-operation on technical co-operation 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 receive considerable technical (engineer equipment) and educational (training for engineer personnel) assistance from Sweden and Denmark.

Form F **Other relevant matters**

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (f) Depository ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.”

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High
Contracting reporting for
Party Latvia time period from 1 October 2005 to 1 October 2006

Other relevant matters

N/A.

Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11, paragraph 2 “Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially 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 experts agencies

N/A.

National points of contact on mine clearance

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