

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.

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YES

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 soldiers to survive during most common situations of land mine warfare. Officer and NCO education includes legal aspects 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 landmine contaminated areas. Unexploded Ordnance of the Second World War detected by civilians is reported to local police authorities and NAF. Institutions that are involved in providing 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.

NAF is in charge of land clearance from unexploded remnants from the First World War and the Second World War as well as those left by Soviet Army, which still can be found in considerable quantity.

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

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

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

Convention entered into force July 4, 1993

July 30, 2009 The Law On Protocol V 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

Protocol V entered into force on March 16, 2010.

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 Depository ... 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

N/A

International cooperation on mine clearance

N/A

Technical cooperation and assistance

N/A

Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f

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(f) other relevant matters.

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Other relevant matters

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Ambassador Jānis Mažeiks, acted as the President of the Eleventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on 11 November 2009 as well as provided guidance to the respective meeting of the Group of Experts in April 2009.

The main focus of the meetings under Latvian chairmanship was on the following issues: to review the operation and status of the Protocol, to consider development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines as well as to address the issue of improvised explosive devices. Among the decisions of the Conference of the High Contracting Parties was to intensify universalization efforts of the Amended Protocol II according to the Plan of Action to Promote the Universality of the CCW and its annexed Protocols.

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 within

the United Nations System, especially on:

- information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and 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

National points of contact on mine clearance

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