

**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**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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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includes but is not limited to survivors of landmine and UXO accidents. In the past decade, the Fund has devoted the majority of its resources to the establishment and improvement of accessible and appropriate prosthetic and orthotic services, including physical and occupational rehabilitation services. In Fiscal Year 2006, the Fund contributed to or maintained support to programs in Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Cambodia, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Laos, Lebanon, Nepal, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Uganda, and Vietnam, as well as numerous regional and international initiatives spanning multiple countries. To date, the Fund has provided over \$143 million to more than 40 countries.

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 United States of reporting for time September
Party America period from through to 2006

Technical requirements

No change from the 2005 report.

Any other relevant information

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:

High Contracting Party	United States of America	reporting for time period from	through	to	September 2006
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Legislation

No change from the 2004 Report.

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 United States of America reporting for time period from through to September 2006

International technical information exchange

No change from the 2005 report.

International cooperation on mine clearance

The U.S. Government aims to increase international cooperation and coordination among donor nations, recipient nations, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations to accelerate humanitarian demining efforts worldwide.

In addition to working with the governments of mine-affected countries to provide mine clearance training, mine awareness, and survivor assistance programs (detailed in Form B), the United States works with other governments through regular meetings of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG), UNMAS and the ITEP to share information and increase coordination toward our common goal of eliminating landmines that threaten civilians. The United States assumed the chairmanship of the MASG in January 2006.

The United States also actively encourages private sector support for humanitarian mine action through the development of a network of public-private partnerships, which currently number over 50. These partners work in concert with the U.S. Humanitarian Mine Action Program to support one or more aspects of mine action: clearance, mine risk education, and/or survivor assistance. A positive side effect of this unique partnership initiative is to raise U.S. public interest in and support for humanitarian mine action.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

No change from 2005 report.

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.”

Remark:

High
Contracting United States of reporting for time September
Party America period from through to 2006

Other relevant matters

None.

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

- Deminer Personal Protection Equipment and Individual Tools
- Manual Mine Detection (with hand held detectors)
- Mine Detection Dogs
- Mechanical Mine/Vegetation Clearance
- Mine Risk Education and Training
- Mine Action Center management and strategic planning (including information technology)
- Impact Surveys
- Technical survey (area reduction)

Lists of experts and experts agencies

- Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA), Bureau of Political Military Affairs, United States Department of State
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC): 1) Stability Operations, Humanitarian Mine Action; and 2) Resources, Humanitarian Demining Research and Development, United States Department of Defense
- Communications and Electronics Command Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, United States Army
- Countermine Training Support Center, United States Army Engineer School
- Humanitarian Demining Training Center (HDTC), United States Department of Defense
- National Geospatial Imagery Agency (NGA)
- Leahy War Victims Fund (LWVF), United States Agency for International Development

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