
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)

Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2,
pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document,
CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

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| Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: | <input type="checkbox"/> changed
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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:

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Party Lithuania period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

Information to the armed forces

Seminars and workshops on International Humanitarian Law and other international rules governing armed conflicts are regularly organised for the instructors and officers of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

During pre-mission training these topics are also introduced to the militaries selected for international peace operations and missions. The Military Academy has courses on officers’ professional ethic, international law, international humanitarian law and other international rules governing the armed conflict. A number of training programmes on this subject are also included into curriculum of the Military Academy and Non-commissioned Officers School.

Together with other relevant information of International Humanitarian Law, texts of the Protocol are available at the libraries of military establishments.

Information to the civilian population

The Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, an advisory body to the Minister of National Defence established in 2001, coordinates dissemination of international humanitarian law and related topics.

Among other activities the Commission also organises national and international seminars, courses and workshops on international humanitarian law and related topics for militaries and civil servants.

The subject of international humanitarian law is included in education programmes of all levels of military, police personnel, it is also optional course in the Law faculties of the leading universities as well as in the Institute of International Relations and Political Science.

The national Red Cross Society also participates in providing information and organising courses, seminars and workshops on international humanitarian law to the representatives of the armed forces and general public.

All information relating to the implementation of the international humanitarian law in Lithuania is placed on the website of the responsible authority – the Ministry of National Defence (www.kam.lt)

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	Republic of Lithuania	reporting for time period from	01/01/2008	to	01/01/2008
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Legislation

As Lithuania is a mine free country no specific mine clearance programmes are required. However, there is a certain degree of contamination by explosive remnants of war (ERW). Engineering battalion of the Lithuanian Armed Forces is tasked to clear and destroy the explosives.

In 2007 the Programme for the Clearance and Prevention of Explosive Remnants of War and the Plan of Implementing Measures for the Programme for the years 2007-2018 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The Programme explains the origins and current scope of a problem and sets the objective to ensure that ERWs are found, their potential threat to people prevented and adverse effects to private and public activities minimised. The tasks to be carried out for the attainment of this objective include: examination and evaluation of the threat, drafting and amending relevant legislation, carrying out of clearance and cooperation with international community.

On 29 January 2008 by the Order No V-88 of the Minister of National Defence was approved Implementation Framework of this Programme.

Full text of the Programme and the Plan of Implementing measures is available on-line:

In English, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=312266

Lithuanian, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=297014&p_query=&p_tr2=.

Full text of the Implementation Framework is available on-line:

Lithuanian, http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=314358&p_query=&p_tr2=

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

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository
13 / 4 / e ... 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 Republic of Lithuania reporting for time period from 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008

International cooperation in mine action for 2008

Activity, funding and/or in-kind contributions	Implementing organisation or agency	Date	Contribution
De-mining and UXO clearance, province of Ghowr, Afghanistan	Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team	2008	In kind
Feasibility Study to provide explosive remnants of war (ERW) clearance support to Georgia	NATO / NAMSA	December 2008	1/3 of the cost 23 000 LTL (6667 EUR)

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.

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period from01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008Other relevant matters

Through the year 2008 Lithuania served as a co-chair of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction. In these capacities Lithuania among other responsibilities attached the utmost effort to facilitate the destruction of vast stockpiles of PFM type mines in neighbouring Belarus and Ukraine by promoting their dialogue with the donors, in particular the European Union and the European Commission.

With a view to giving due attention to cases of noncompliance, Lithuania, together with Serbia, in the capacity of co-chairs of the Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction, submitted the proposal on ensuring the full implementation of Article 4 to the 9th Meeting of the State Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction. The proposal was warmly welcomed by the Meeting, as contained in document APLC/MSP.9/2008/WP.36, and agreed to encourage States Parties, as appropriate, to implement the recommendations contained therein.
