PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITION 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)

(Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2)

| NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY | CYPRUS |
| DATE OF SUBMISSION | |

This information can be made available to all interested parties and entries:

- [ ] YES
- [ ] NO

Partially only the following forms:

A     B     C     D     E     F     G
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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:

High Contracting party  Cyprus  reporting for time  01-01-2008  to  31-12-2008

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Information to the armed forces

The Appropriate doctrine, all operational and training publications, as well as courses used in the armed forces of the Republic of Cyprus have been revised accordingly to incorporate the requirements that arose from the amended protocol II. The National Guard has informed accordingly, all personnel regarding the provisions set by CCW and the Ottawa Convention by a series of workshops designed to inform them of the new provisions.

Information to the civilian population

The civilian population of the island is informed through a series of training programs designed and implemented by the Civil Defence Authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
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 programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party   **Cyprus** reporting for time 01-01-2008 to 31-12-2008

Mine clearance programmes

During the past year, two minefields have been cleared, by the National's Guard Engineers and a total number of 392 A/P mines, were destroyed. In addition to the mine clearance operations carried out by the National Guard an additional programme was set up, through funding of the European Union and in collaboration with the United Nations for the clearance of the minefields found in the Buffer Zone, named “Partnership for the Future”, PFF.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adapted the relevant legislation to the existing relevant laws of the country as regards the provisions needed to be taken for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.
Form C  Technical requirements and relevant information

**Article 13 / 4 / c**

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

© steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

**Remark:**

High Contracting Party  **Cyprus**  reporting for time  **01-01-2008**  to  **31-12-2008**  

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**Technical requirements**

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all necessary steps to comply with the protocol’s technical requirements, for this purpose, all minefields within the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted been fenced.

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**Any other relevant information**
Article 13 / 4 / d  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary….on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

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Legislation

The Republic of Cyprus has ratified the amended Protocol II and the additional Protocol IV of CCW (11th July 2003) as well as the Ottawa Convention (17th January 2003) and incorporated them into law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force as from 22nd of January 2004
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**International technical information exchange**

Cyprus is assisting with international information exchange, cooperation and mine clearance through its participating representatives in international seminars and annual conferences held throughout the world every year.

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

Cyprus is working closely with UNMAS and GICHD to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of de-mining. In the case of Cyprus this cooperation has so far been successful through the collaboration of the UN, the Republic of Cyprus.

**Technical cooperation and assistance**

NIL
Article 13 / 4 / f

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary…on:

(f) other relevant matters.

Remark:

High Contracting Party  

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Other relevant matters

NIL
**Form G** Information to the UN-Database on mine clearance

### Article 13 / 4 / g

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary… on:

Information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance;

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The National Guard is trying to keep informed with recent international practices and standards, equipment and methodology as regards mine clearance operations.

**Lists of experts and expert agencies**

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

**National points of contact on mine clearance**

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