

**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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CONTRACTING PARTY: POLAND

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010

FORM A: Dissemination of information:

changed,
 unchanged

FORM B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed,
 unchanged (last reporting:
2003)

FORM C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting:
2003)

FORM D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting:
2003)

FORM E: International technical information exchange,
co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation
and assistance:

changed
 unchanged

FORM F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged (last reporting:
2003)

FORM G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: changed

unchanged (last reporting:
2003)

Form A **Dissemination of information**

Article 13,
paragraph 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;"

High
Contracting
Party:

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Information to the armed forces:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are trained in the international humanitarian law including the rules set by the Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:

- Military Academies' curriculums for professional officer candidates and courses dedicated to military commanders and legal advisors – conducted by law scholars;
- training centers for all types of armed forces and military units as a part of a process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel – conducted by superiors and legal advisors in every military unit;
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the IHL norms and regulations;

Moreover, training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of the personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before departure.

Information to the civilian population:

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law, attached to the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross, which operates from 1977, is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contain a special section on conventional weapons regulations.

From 2001, with support from International Committee of the Red Cross and Ministry of National Education, PRC Center coordinates educational program for youths "Exploring Humanitarian Law" and cascade trainings for future program trainers. Large part of the program is devoted to international legislation on anti-personnel mines. In the years 2010/2011 partner organizations developed new agenda for coming years. Current handbook has been updated, translated into polish and published on CD's and on PRC website. In October 2010

group of experts meet in order to create scheme of planned e-learning platform for teachers on International Humanitarian Law. March this year we organized conference for teachers, school principals and superintendents presenting new teaching materials and discussing achievements and challenges of this program in polish educational system.

During year 2010 PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them contained topics which focused on legal aspects of landmines (including II Protocol to CCW) It is worth mention few of the most important ones:

- XXVIII Warsaw Summer School in International Humanitarian Law (28.06 – 08.07. 2010, Małdralin) – a 10-day course in English for law students from Europe, South America and the Middle East. The lectures include top academics from European universities and international institutions;

- XIII Polish School in International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (09.05. – 14.05. 2010, Radziejowice) – an annual 4-day course for law and international relations students from civil and military universities, representatives of the Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers. Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major polish Universities and Armed Forces;

- PRC Youth Instructors Training (05.08-23.08, Sulejów) – holiday course for young PRC volunteers appointed by local branches from all over the Poland. It contain a 1-day of conventional arms studies and campaigning/teaching methods;

- Lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by National Defence Academy – several times during 2010.

- IHL competitions in PRC regional branches (Krakow, Bydgoszcz, Szczecin, Bolesławiec etc.) containing subjects devoted to legal rules on landmines;

- 7 April 2010 – patronage and participation in Conference “30 years of Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons – between humanity and military objectives” organized by National Defence Academy. Lecture presented by PRC delegate - “Humanitarian character of legal restrictions on means of warfare – fiction or reality”.

Form E

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

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (e)

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

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;"

High

Contracting
Party:

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International technical information exchange:

Unchanged (last reporting 2006)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance and other explosive remnants of war. In particular the Polish Engineering Forces personnel engaged in stabilizing missions in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations - additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities included among others removal and destruction of mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

In the reporting period Polish personnel, acting in close co-operation with other participants of the missions, fulfilled in particular following tasks:

- identification and mitigation of threats caused by mines and UXO;
- mines and UXO cleaning activities;
- removal of unexploded ordnance and abandoned munitions from affected areas and storage facilities;
- participation in the evacuation and rescue actions from areas affected by mines;
- estimation of explosion danger areas and eliminating the threat before adapting building and facilities for the mission needs;
- providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

At the reporting period 58 Polish deminers were directly involved in demining and clearing activities in missions abroad. They identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

- Under auspicious of NATO – KFOR Kosovo:
 - 1 pc of anti-personnel mine;
 - 1 pc of hand grenade;
 - 4 pcs of artillery munitions and missile.
- Under auspicious of NATO – ISAF Afghanistan:
 - 64 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 37 pcs of air bombs;
 - 984 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
 - 1803 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
 - 20 468 pcs unexploded ordnance – various types of munitions;
 - 1 026 kg of explosives.

The total cost borne by Ministry of Defence as a result of deploying of 58 deminers, who were directly involved in UXO and mine clearance operations in 2010, has been estimated to be about 840 000 €. The amount expenditures indicated above covers vaccinations, training, insurance, salary as well as board and accommodation costs but omits operational costs related to transportation means and other military equipment.