

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 para 2 and Article 11 para 2.

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This information can be made available to other interested parties and
relevant organisations

X YES

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... Partially, only the following forms:

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Summary Sheet

(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 Report,
CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2)

Reporting Period: 1 October 2008 to 1 October 2009	
Form A: Dissemination of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form D: Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2008)
Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged
Form F: Other relevant matters:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged
Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged

Form E**International technical information exchange, co-operation 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 co-operation on mine clearance, and on technical co-operation and assistance;

*Remark:--*High Contracting Party SWITZERLANDreporting for time period from 1 October 2008 to 1 October 2009International technical information exchange

The Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) participated in international information exchanges in various ways, among others, by providing technical information and practical demonstrations on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) systems for the contact-free disposal of Unexploded Ordnance (UXOs) and mines, but also by organising training courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) within the EAPC/PfP framework.

International co-operation on mine clearance

The Swiss Government spent in 2008 CHF 16 millions on projects related to antipersonnel mines. In 2009, expenditures of CHF 16.5 millions are budgeted. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs supports APM-clearing-projects, projects integrating mine action into development, risk warning campaigns and victim assistance projects, mainly with financial contributions. The Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) is providing experts for Mine Action Programmes by the UN and selected NGOs on a voluntary basis. During the year 2008, Swiss experts participated in missions to Albania, Angola, Chad, Yemen, Laos, Lebanon, Somalia and Sudan. During the year 2009 Swiss experts support missions in Albania, Angola, Chad, Laos, Jordan/Lebanon, Somalia and Sudan. The DDPS further developed and updated its specific training course for future experts to be sent to international Mine Action Programs. Moreover, Switzerland, during the reporting period, provided technical assistance (mainly EOD systems) to selected Mine Action Programs and projects (UN and NGOs) in Jordan, Lebanon and Sudan.

Technical co-operation and assistance

Generally, the Swiss offer of EOD systems includes not only the material but also training and support (follow-up deliveries may take place upon request). Furthermore, the DDPS conducts annually two international courses for the IMSMA. Since 2009 the DDPS offers together with Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining a third course on Mine Action Technologies and Techniques.

Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f

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(f) other relevant matters.

Remark:

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Other relevant matters

The Swiss Government contributed to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining in 2008 CHF 8.2 millions and in 2009 CHF 8 millions.

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 clearance established within the United Nations System, especially.....on:

- 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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<u>Lists of experts and experts agencies</u> --	
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