

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**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)

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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

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Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2013

to: 31/12/2013

**Form A:** Dissemination of information:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: )

**Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: 2003)

**Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed

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**Form D:** Legislation:

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

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**Form F:** Other relevant matters:

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**Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

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C

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E

F

G

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### Form A                      Dissemination of information

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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;”

*Remark:*

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#### **INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed in the international humanitarian law including the rules set by the CCW Protocols. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:

- Military Academies and Officer's Schools curriculums for professional officer candidates and courses dedicated specifically for military commanders and legal advisors - by law scholars;
- training centers of all armed services for warrant officers and non-commissioned officers;
- the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;
- 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 being sent abroad.

#### **INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), which operates since 1977 is one of the bodies of the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross (PRC). It is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which includes a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The library is available to students

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and post-graduates in law, political sciences and international relations, as well as secondary school students and PRC workers and volunteers from across the country. During the year 2013, the PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized a number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them were on topics which focused on legal aspects of landmines (including II Protocol to CCW). It is worth mentioning a few of the most important ones:

- XVII Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (15.04. – 19.04. 2013, 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. One evening session of the course was devoted to the issue of landmines in Poland;
- lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by National Defence Academy – several times during 2013;
- signing of an agreement between the PRC and the Military Center of Citizen Education regarding future cooperation of those two institutions regarding IHL education;
- lectures by a PRC representative during the CIMIC course in Military Training Center for Foreign Operations in Kielce;
- organization of the II edition of e-learning course “We discover humanitarian law” targeted at teachers of basic and secondary schools. Program started at 15.09.2013;
- organization of the annual Professor Remigiusz Bierzanek Competition, the competition for the best Ph.D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (seventeen editions of the competition have been held to date);
- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including assessment of applications for use of the emblem and interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale;
- coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions, including initiatives on promotion and dissemination of IHL, networking and knowledge sharing and publication and promotion of books.

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

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository [...] on [...]:

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

*Remark:*

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**INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

In 2013 the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued its support in the area of development cooperation to Laos by financing the activities of NGO UXO Lao (a local NGO providing assistance in ERW and mine-affected areas, including clearance). The project oversees the purchase of modern equipment to remove and destroy ERW and mines. Planned activities will help to reduce the number of accidents and victims of ERW. The project is the continuation of support for the Lao UXO. Since 2007 Polish assistance to Laos with regards to ERW (via local NGO) amounted to 83.500 Euro. During 2013 Polish Armed Forces contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war. In particular, the Polish Engineering Forces personnel being engaged in stabilizing missions in Afghanistan and Mali, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations - additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities among others included: removal and destruction of mines, UXO and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the local communities. A total of 76 Polish deminers were directly involved in demining and clearing activities in missions abroad in 2013. They identified and destroyed the following numbers of

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### dangerous items:

#### • In the frame of EU – EUTM Mali:

- 26 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
- 36 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
- 26 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 2 456 pcs unexploded ordnance – various types of munitions.

#### • In the frame of NATO – ISAF Afghanistan:

- 15 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
- 8 pcs of air bombs;
- 267 pcs of artillery and mortar munitions;
- 638 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 30 133 pcs unexploded ordnance – various types of munitions;
- 44 559 kg of explosives.

The total cost of the above mentioned activities reached almost 370 000 Euro.

### TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

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