

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

08/04/2019

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF  
CONTACT

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



**Form A                    Dissemination of Information**

Article 13 / 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:

High Contracting party    **Cyprus**                    reporting for time 01-01-2018 to 31-12-2018  
\_\_\_\_\_ period from \_\_\_\_\_

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, in order to incorporate the requirements that emerged from the Amended Protocol II. The National Guard has informed accordingly, all personnel regarding the provisions set by the CCW and the Ottawa Convention, through a series of workshops designed to inform them on 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 01-01-2018 to 31-12-2018  
period from

Mine clearance programmes

The Republic of Cyprus cleared all minefields in the area under its effective control, including within the buffer zone, by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, deadline set by the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC).

The only area in Cyprus where mined areas containing anti-personnel mines are known to exist is the part of its territory which remains under Turkish military occupation and which is not accessible to the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus. At least 20 minefields laid and maintained in the occupied areas by the Turkish forces are yet to be cleared of anti-personnel mines and one of them is situated within the buffer zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia.

The Republic of Cyprus, having taken concrete steps to ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines in the areas occupied by Turkey, submitted to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) information on 28 known minefields, which were laid prior to the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to information released by UNFICYP, those 28 minefields were subjected to a non technical survey by United Nations Mines Action Service (UNMAS) and according to its assessment only 3 of them require further technical survey.

While the Republic of Cyprus maintains jurisdiction over the whole of the island, it does not have effective control over those areas under Turkish military occupation, and is thus unable to fulfil its obligations stemming from the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) due to the fact that Turkey, forcefully denies the agents of the Republic access to the occupied areas. As a result, Cyprus requested and was granted an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines until 2021.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adopted the relevant legislation and laws, regarding the provisions required 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  
Depository....on:

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party       **Cyprus**            reporting for time 01-01-2018    to    31-12-2018  
\_\_\_\_\_ period from                            \_\_\_\_\_

Technical requirements

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all the necessary steps to comply with the protocol's technical requirements. For this purpose, all minefields within the areas under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

Any other relevant information

**Form D**

**Legislation**

Article 13 / 4 / d "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

High Contracting Party     **Cyprus**     reporting for time 01-01-2018 to 31-12-2018  
period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Legislation

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

The 2 Protocols have entered into force from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2004.

**Form E**

**International technical information exchange, cooperation on Mine clearance, technical cooperation 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 cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

Remark:

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\_\_\_\_\_ period from \_\_\_\_\_

International Technical Information Exchange

Cyprus achieves international information exchange on mine clearance issues, through the participation of its representatives in international seminars and annual conferences held worldwide.

International Cooperation on Mine Clearance

Cyprus is closely collaborating with United Nations Mines Action Service and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, so as to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of demining. This cooperation has so far been successful, through the cooperation of the United Nations and the Republic of Cyprus.

Technical cooperation and assistance

NIL

**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.

Remark:

High Contracting Party Cyprus reporting for time 01-1-2018 to 31-12-2018  
period from \_\_\_\_\_

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 Depository.... on:

(g) 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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period from \_\_\_\_\_

The National Guard strives to keep informed on international practices and standards, equipment and methodologies, as regards modern mine clearance operations and technologies.

Lists of experts and expert agencies

For details please contact the point of contact listed below.

National points of contact on mine clearance

For further details and information please contact:

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