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Item 10 of the provisional agenda
Consideration of matters arising from
reports by High Contracting Parties
according to paragraph 4 of Article 13
of the Amended Protocol II

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the
Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices
as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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**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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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;”

Remak:

High Contracting Party Hellenic Republic reporting for time period from 21 September 2005 to 20 September 2006

Information to the armed forces

The appropriate doctrine, operational and training publications and courses of instruction of the armed forces of the Hellenic Republic have been revised as necessary to incorporate the requirements of Amended Protocol II. The interpretation of the provisions of the Protocol and their practical implementation has become part of the training the armed forces of the Hellenic Republic receive in International Humanitarian Law and the Law of War.

Specific units and personnel of particular specialties receive extended instructions.

Information to the civilian population

The law by which the Hellenic Parliament ratified Amended Protocol II was published in the Official Government Gazette on November 03, 1998 and is, therefore, in the public domain. The general population of the Hellenic Republic has also been informed through the national press that Hellas also ratified the CCW and its Protocols and signed & ratified the 1997 Ottawa Convention.
Form B

Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13, paragraph 4 (b) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Hellenic Republic

reporting for time period from 21 September 2005 to 20 September 2006

Mine clearance programmes

A huge mine clearance programme is still under way in vast areas of Western Macedonia and Ipiros in the North-West part of the Hellenic Republic, in “suspect areas” containing not only mines but also booby-traps, UXOs and other devices dating from World War II and the 1946-1949 era. There are no properly defined minefields in this area and no maps, the number of dangerous devices to be removed is very large and the weather conditions are adverse for the most part of the year, resulting in the very slow progress of works. It is worth mentioning that the “suspect areas” to be cleared and secured in the mountains of Grammos and Vitsi alone, measure well over 40.000 hectares. — During 2006, 174,012 m² were cleared and secured in the above area. From 21th September 2005 until 20th September 2006, 4,518 antipersonnel mines were removed and destroyed in the area of Evros (North-East part of the Hellenic Republic), along the border with Turkey.

Rehabilitation programmes

There are no mine victims among the Hellenic population. — Few mine casualties suffered during the last years by illegal migrants who try to cross the border coming from Turkey along river Evros in the North-East part of the Hellenic Republic, are treated in the hospital of Alexandroupolis or other major hospitals in northern Hellas. In two occasions so far free prosthetic services have been offered. Coordination and staff work is currently under way between various ministries (MFA, MoD, Ministry for Public Heald, etc), so that in the future full disabled people programmes are offered through the Hellenic National Health System, free of charge. Apart form that the legal status of the mine casualties during the interim time (from the moment they are released from the hospital until their possible application for refugee status is vetted) is under re-examination so than the police will abstain from any effort to deport them. (Note: All minefields along the border with Turkey in the Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by Amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs. Mine casualties among illegal migrants are suffered from time to time because they are led to the border along river Evros at night and then instructed to ignore any mine fences and markings and walk into the Hellenic territory. Some times they are even aided in cutting the wire and led into minefields!). — Hellas offers, free of charge, health treatment through its National
Health System to people coming from various Balkan states, including people injured by landmines.
Form C  Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13, paragraph 4 (c) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

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

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Technical requirements

Hellas has taken all the steps necessary to meet the technical requirements of the Protocol. All mines, booby-traps and other devices in the inventory of the Hellenic armed forces comply fully with the technical provisions of Amended Protocol II.

Any other relevant information

None.
**Form D**

**Legislation**

Article 13, paragraph 4 (d)

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

**Remark:**

High Contracting Party: Hellenic Republic

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**Legislation**

Amended Protocol II was ratified by law 2652/98, published in issue no. 249 of the Official Government Gazette on November 03, 1998, and thus became *part of the internal Hellenic legislation* according to the relevant provision of the Constitution. No other legislation is required to enable the Hellenic Republic to carry out its obligations under the Protocol.

**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;”

**Remark:**

High Contracting Party **Hellenic Republic**

reporting for time period from **21 September 2005** to **20 September 2006**

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**International technical information exchange**

The Hellenic Republic participated in the all the recent meetings of the Standing Committees of the Ottawa Convention, namely in the meetings of the Committees for “mine clearance, mine awareness and mine action technologies” and “stockpile destruction”.

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

In 2004, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic provided the Greek NGO ‘IMI’ with 1.9 million Euros for demining operations in Iraq and Lebanon. In 2003 the MFA provided the same NGO with 4.4 million euros for demining in Iraq, Lebanon and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

**International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance**

The Hellenic Republic takes part in the Joint Action of the EU Member States providing financial and technical assistance to landmine victims and affected countries.
Form F  Other relevant matters

Article 13, paragraph 4 (f) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party Hellenic Republic reporting for time period from 21 September 2005 to 20 September 2006

Other relevant matters

The Hellenic Republic does not manufacture, import or export mines.

Specialized personnel of the Hellenic contingent in Kosovo with KFOR have in the past run mine awareness courses for the local population.

The Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Centre (MPSOTC) near the city of Kilkis in Macedonia, northern Hellas – established in 1998 and subordinated to the Hellenic National Defense General Staff – offers high level theoretical and practical education & training in PSOs and International Humanitarian Law, to personnel (officers, NCOs & troops) of the Hellenic armed forces as well as of the armed forces of various other countries of South-Eastern Europe.
Form G  Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11, paragraph 2

“Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party  Hellenic Republic reporting for time period from 21 September 2005 to 20 September 2006

Means and technologies of mine clearance

The Hellenic Army basically employs manual mine clearance. International practices and standards in mine clearance are followed. Canine detection is also employed in certain circumstances.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

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