

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)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2.

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AUSTRALIA

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Form A

Dissemination of information

Article 13 / 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

In 2007, the Australian Defence Force prepared and promulgated the 'Land Warfare Procedures – General' publication (LWP-G 3-6-5) on Mines, Booby Traps and Improvised Explosive Devices. It was most recently updated in June 2010. The document provides commanders and staff with current policy on landmines, booby traps and improvised explosive devices and its application to military operations, in accordance with Australian obligations under international law, such as Amended Protocol II and the Mine-Ban Convention. The general policy concerning landmines, booby traps, and other devices is also contained in the Australian Defence Doctrine Publication 06.4 Law of Armed Conflict, which was published in May 2006. It contains guidance for commanders and details responsibilities and obligations for Australian Defence Force members.

Information to the civilian population

Information on the Australian Government's Mine Action Strategy (2010 – 2014), including references to Amended Protocol II, is disseminated to the civilian population through:

- Ministerial press releases.
- Media interviews and speaking engagements conducted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
- Landmines websites established by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Website addresses are: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/security/landmines.html>, <http://www.dfat.gov.au/security/ccw.html> and <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/human/landmines.cfm>.
- AusAID's Mine Action Strategy (2010-2014) is available at <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/mineaction.cfm>

Form B**Mine clearance and rehabilitation programs**

Article 13 / 4 / b ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs;"

Remark:

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Assistance provided through AusAID

Country	Implementing Partner	Activity	Mine Action Sector	Amount AUD
Afghanistan	UNMAS	Support to Mine Action Centre of Afghanistan	Clearance, mine risk education and victim assistance	10,000,000
Azerbaijan	ICRC	Azerbaijan vulnerable families victim assistance	Victim assistance	50,000
Cambodia	Action Aid	Integrated Mine Action and Development in Banteay Meanchey	Clearance, victim assistance	5,311
Cambodia	World Vision, International Women's Development Agency	Community Strengthening and Gender Mainstreaming in Integrated Mine Action	Clearance, victim assistance	3,937
Cambodia	UNDP	Support for the 11 Meeting of State Parties	Advocacy	200,000
Chad	UNMAS	Emergency response mine risk education	Risk education	1,000,000
DRC	UNMAS	Support to Mine clearance and victim assistance programmes in the DRC	Clearance and victim assistance	1,000,000
Egypt	UNDP	Mine action in support of the North West Coast National Development Plan	Clearance	500,000
Ethiopia	UNDP	Mine Action in the Tigray, Afar	Clearance	1,000,000

		and Somali regions		
Georgia	NATO	Explosive remnants of war clearance in Georgia	Clearance and victim assistance	50,000
Guinea Bissau	UNMAS	Supporting BCPR's Completion Initiative in Guinea-Bissau	Clearance	349,800
Iraq	UNDP	Mine Action operational capacity development	Clearance	1,500,000
Iraq	UNICEF	Protecting children in Iraq from injuries related to landmines and other explosives	Mine risk education	500,000
Jordan	National Committee for Demining and Clearance	Northern border mine clearance	Clearance	250,000
Laos	UNDP	Support to quality management of the UXO sector	Risk education, advocacy and capacity building	1,247,494
Laos	CARE	Reducing UXO risk and improving livelihoods of ethnic communities in Sekong province	clearance and risk education	323,260
Laos	World Vision	Integrated UXO action in Khammouane province	Clearance and risk education	352,281
Laos	COPE	Sustainable rehabilitation services in Laos	Victim assistance, capacity building	200,000
Laos	UNDP	Support to clearance operations of the Lao National UXO Program	Clearance, risk education and capacity building	2,500,000
Lebanon	Mines Advisory Group	Battle area clearance	clearance	500,000
Lebanon	Norwegian Peoples Aid	Battle area clearance	clearance	300,000
Libya	UNMAS	Support to the UNMAS emergency response in Libya	Clearance and risk education	3,500,000
Sri Lanka	UNDP	UNDP support to mine action	clearance	750,000
Sri Lanka	Mines Advisory Group	Mine action survey and clearance in northern and eastern Sri Lanka	clearance	1,600,000
Sri Lanka	Danish Demining Group	Emergency mine survey and clearance in support of return and	clearance	900,000

		resettlement of IDPs in northern Sri Lanka		
Sri Lanka	Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony	Demining using metal detectors in Lullativu and Kilinochchi districts	Clearance	500,000
Sri Lanka	UNICEF	Support to mine risk education, victim assistance and advocacy in Sri Lanka	Risk education, victim assistance and advocacy	500,000
Sri Lanka	Mines Advisory Group	Integrated humanitarian action in Sri Lanka	Clearance, management and capacity building	1,660,000
Sri Lanka	Swiss Foundation for Demining	Mine action intervention in support of return and early recovery activities in the northern province of Sri Lanka	Clearance	1,500,000
Sri Lanka	Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony	Demining using metal detectors in Lullaittivu and Kilinochchi districts	Clearance	200,000
South Sudan	UNMAS	Humanitarian mine clearance, mine risk education and victim assistance in support of peace building in South Sudan	Clearance, risk education and victim assistance	1,001,993
Tajikistan	UNMAS	Support the efficiency and effectiveness of the Tajikistan Mine Action Program	Capacity building, management, victim assistance and risk education	148,207
Uganda	Danish Demining Group	Completion of landmine clearance	Clearance	1,900,000
Uganda and DRC	Handicap International	Victim assistance and mine risk education	Victim assistance and risk education	2,300,000
Vietnam	ICRC	Special Fund for the Disabled	Victim assistance	250,000
Global	GICHD	Core support to GICHD and the APMBC ISU	Core support, research, evaluation, gender and victim assistance	1,100,00
Global	Geneva Call	Reducing the threat and impact of landmines	Universalisation and advocacy	209,161
Global	ICBL	Landmine and cluster munition	Universalisation and	450,000

		monitor	advocacy	
Global	ICRC	Special Fund for the Disabled	Victim assistance	750,000
Global	ICRC	Special Mine Action Appeal	Victim assistance, clearance and risk education	2,500,000
Global	UNDP	Support for the Presidency and the Second Meeting of the Cluster Munitions Convention	Mine action management, capacity building and advocacy	400,000
Global	UNMAS	Core support to UNMAS for UN coordination	Advocacy, management and universalisation	300,000

Assistance provided through the Australian Defence Force

Ethiopia – Ethiopian Mine Office – Visit by Mr. Etsay Gebreselaisse – Capacity Building – AUD5,168

Papua New Guinea – Australian Defence Force – Management and clearance of UXO – Mine clearance

Somalia – UN Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia – Gift of six EOD Tactical Bomb Suits and 23 Minelab mine – Capacity Building – AUD277,515

Form C

Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13 / 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

Australia does not have minefields, or produce or deploy munitions which fall under the technical requirements of this Protocol.

Any other relevant information

In meeting the technical requirements of the Protocol, Australia has Australian Defence Force doctrine which includes all necessary measures to ensure compliance with the Protocol.

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;

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It is the Australian Government's policy to enact national legislation implementing international instruments only where existing national legislation is insufficient to meet the international obligations contained in the international instruments concerned.

Australia has not enacted specific legislation to implement Amended Protocol II. However, other legislation is relevant to the obligations contained in Amended Protocol II. For example, Australia has enacted the Anti-Personnel Mines Convention Act 1998. This Act primarily implements the Mine-Ban Convention, but it also implements the key provisions of Amended Protocol II. In particular, section 7 of the Act makes it an offence to place, possess, develop, produce, acquire, stockpile, move or transfer anti-personnel mines.

The Australian Government periodically reviews implementing legislation for international humanitarian law instruments to which it is a party in order to ensure it continues to meet implementation requirements. Such a review of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is currently being considered.

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;

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International technical information exchange

During the reporting period, Australia attended a number of meetings to promote technical information exchange on landmine and ERW issues:

- Thirteenth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on Landmine, Booby-Traps and other Explosive Devices, 11 November 2011, Geneva
- Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, 9-10 November 2011, Geneva
- Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, 28 November - 2 December 2011, Phnom Penh

International cooperation on mine clearance

In countries where Australia is a major donor to mine action, for example Cambodia and Laos, Australia is a member of various committees that focus on donor cooperation and coordination. Australia participates in meetings of the Mine Action Support Group which helps to coordinate international responses to mine action issues. International cooperation on mine clearance, and mine action in general, is a priority in Australia's Mine Action Strategy for the Australia Aid Program (2010-2014), under which it has pledged A\$100 million over 5 years. Through the Strategy, Australia is committed to work in partnership with mine action stakeholders, where possible aligning support with existing partner government policies, priorities and systems and also harmonising efforts with other donors.

Technical Cooperation and Assistance

Technical capacity building is a component in most mine clearance projects which Australia supports. During the reporting period, Australia's funding assisted the development of technical capacities of national clearance authorities in Afghanistan, Cambodia, DRC, Iraq, Laos, Sri Lanka and Tajikistan.

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.

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Other relevant matters

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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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Means and technologies of mine clearance

Within the Australian Department of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Combined Arms Training Centre are developing new methods of clearing mines. DSTO undertakes work in a number of areas covering mine detection and clearance, including research in the development of improved mine detection algorithms. This involves international co-operative work within the Technical Cooperation Program of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. DSTO is also involved in the evaluation of existing and emerging mine detection technologies.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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