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The Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of 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 (CCW) and has the honor to submit herewith the National Annual Report on the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) from Japan. This Report has already been submitted electronically to the CCW Secretariat.

The Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the CCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 29 March 2017



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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)

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

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: Japan

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2017

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

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from: 01/01/2016
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dd/mm/yyyy

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2006)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2006)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:2006)

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:2016)

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

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:2016)

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:2006)

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

changed
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(last reporting year:2006)

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REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

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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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Japan

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

The significance and outline of this Convention and Protocol are dealt with in various educational courses for Self-Defense Forces personnel. Specific obligations are also instructed to the personnel concerned.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

The official web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the booklet edited by Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Science Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Japan's Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Policy*) provide the information of the Convention and the Protocols.

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Form B **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Japan

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

Japan does not need such programs since there is no mined area under the control of the Government of Japan.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

Japan does not need such programs since there is no mined area under the control of the Government of Japan.

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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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Japan

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

No additional measures were taken during the reported period.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Fulfilled technical requirements of the Amended Protocol II. Current status is as follows.

1. Recording: Japan conforms to Technical Annex ‘1. Recording’.
2. Specification on detectability: No measures are necessary for Japan, because ‘Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction’ came into effect for Japan on 1st March 1999.
3. Specification on self-destruction: The same as ‘2. Specification on detectability’.
4. International signs for minefields and mined areas: Japan conforms to Technical Annex ‘4. International signs for minefields and mined areas’.

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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:

Japan

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LEGISLATION:

As for the transfers, the Government of Japan controls the arms exports based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and its relevant legislations. The exports of arms, listed as the Item 1 of the Appended table 1, Export Trade Control Order, require export licenses to all destinations. Mines fall under the Item 1 (2) “Explosives” and are subjected to regulation.

On April 1, 2014. Government of Japan, in accordance with the National Security Strategy adopted on December 17, 2013, set out “the Three Principles of Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology” as a set of new principles on overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology, which replace “the Tree Principle on Arms Exports and Their Related Policy Guidelines.”

The Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology

1. Clarification of cases where transfers are prohibited

Overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will not be permitted when:

- 1) the transfer violates obligations under treaties and other international agreements that Japan has concluded,
- 2) the transfer violates obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions, or
- 3) the defense equipment and technology is destined for a country party to a conflict (a country against which the United Nations Security Council is taking measures to maintain or restore international peace and security in the event of an armed attack).

2. Limitation to cases where transfers may be permitted as well as strict examination and information disclosure

In cases not within 1. above, cases where transfers may be permitted will be limited to the following cases. Those cases will be examined strictly while ensuring transparency. More specifically, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology may be permitted in such cases as the transfer contributes

to active promotion of peace contribution and international cooperation, or
to Japan’s security from the viewpoint of

- implementing international joint development and production projects with countries cooperating with Japan in security area including its ally, the U.S. (hereinafter referred to as “the ally and partners”),
- enhancing security and defense cooperation with the ally and partners, as well as
- supporting the activities of the Self-Defense Forces including the maintenance of its equipment and ensuring the

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safety of Japanese nationals.

The Government will conduct strict examination on the appropriateness of the destination and end user, and the extent the overseas transfer of such equipment and technology will raise concern for Japan's security. Then the Government will make a comprehensive judgment in light of the existing guidelines of the international export control regime and based on the information available at the time of export examinations.

Significant cases that require especially careful consideration from the viewpoint of Japan's security will be examined at the National Security Council (NSC). As for the cases that were deliberated at the NSC, the Government will disclose their information in accordance with the Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs (Law No. 42 of 1999).

3. Ensuring appropriate control regarding extra-purpose use or transfer to third parties

In cases satisfying 2. above, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will be permitted only in cases where appropriate control is ensured. More concretely, the Government will in principle oblige the Government of the recipient country to gain its prior consent regarding extra-purpose use and transfer to third parties.

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Form E 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:

Japan

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

See the attached from Annex E.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

See the Attached form Annex E.
The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) also facilitates south-south cooperation
between landmine/ERW affected countries.

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Form F Other relevant matters

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Japan

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

The destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines began on January 17, 2000, and in accordance with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, all stockpiled anti-personnel mines were destroyed with the exception of a minimum necessary number by February 8, 2003.

At the First Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention which was held in Nov. 2004, Japan announced its new policy on assistance for mine action which includes the following 3 principles; Consolidation of peace; Human security; Close cooperation between governments, NGOs, the private sector and academia, and as part of this cooperation, Japan will continue to support research and development of technologies in support of mine action.

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Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11,
paragraph 2,

“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:

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Japan

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

The government of Japan has supported several Japanese and international non-governmental organizations that have the means for various aspects of mine actions, including humanitarian demining, mine risk education, victim assistance, etc.

Japan has also been actively supporting research and development on new mine clearance technologies to enhance efficiency and safety of mine action, in cooperation with Japanese manufacturers and laboratories, while emphasizing capacity building for the end-users of the new technologies.

More information can be obtained through national points of contact on mine-related matters.

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

Information pertaining to Japanese mine action experts and expert agencies can be obtained through national points of contact on mine-related matters.

NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Japan's national point of contact on mine-related matters is as follows.

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