

**EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO AMENDED PROTOCOL II
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**

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

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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

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,
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YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: 15/10/2005 to 08/09/2006

Form A: Dissemination of information: changed
 unchanged

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed
 unchanged

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
 unchanged

Form D: Legislation: changed
 unchanged

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

Form F: Other relevant matters: changed
 unchanged

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

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13,
paragraph 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 **Republic** reporting for
Contracting **of** time period
Party **Lithuania** from 15 October 2005 to 8 September 2006

Information to the armed forces

Information on Amended Protocol II is included into curriculum of the military academic establishments.

Together with other relevant information of International Humanitarian Law, texts of the Protocol are available at the libraries of military establishments.

Information to the civilian population

Official translations CCW, its protocols (including Amended Protocol II) and the amendment of Art. 1 have been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Lithuania.

Compendium of International Humanitarian Instruments is currently in the final stages of preparation within the National Commission of the International Humanitarian Law.

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High **Republic** reporting
Contracting **of** for time
Party **Lithuania** period from 15 October 2005 to 8 September 2006

Mine clearance programmes

Lithuania is a mine-free country, therefore, no specific mine clearance programmes are necessary. However there is a certain degree of contamination by explosive remnants of war. Engineering battalion of the Lithuanian Armed Forces is tasked to clear and destroy the explosives.

Rehabilitation programmes

As the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is not contaminated by anti-personnel mines and therefore there are no mine victims, specific rehabilitation programmes are not required.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

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

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

Remark:

High **Republic** reporting for
Contracting **of** time period
Party **Lithuania** from 15 October 2005 to 8 September 2006

Technical requirements

Lithuanian Armed Forces are informed about the technical requirements set by the Protocol.

Any other relevant information

N/A.

Form D Legislation

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	Republic reporting of for time Lithuania period from <u>15 October 2005</u> to <u>8 September 2006</u>
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Legislation

The Law of the Republic of Lithuania of 26 March 1998 on the ratification of the 1980 UN 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 and its additional protocols (published in the Official Gazette, 1998 09 23, Nr. 83-2312).

The Law of the Republic of Lithuania of 25 February 2003 on the ratification of Amendment of Article 1 of the 1980 UN 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 (published in the Official Gazette, 2003 03 21, Nr. 28-1123).

Lithuania is also a party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.

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

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (e) Depository ... 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 **Republic of Lithuania** reporting for time period from 15 October 2005 to 8 September 2006

International technical information exchange

Experts from the Lithuanian Armed Forces participate at the Meetings of Military and Technical Experts in the framework of CCW Governmental Group of Experts.

International cooperation on mine clearance

- Team of Lithuanian military engineers provide emergency demining within the Lithuanian led Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Province of Ghowr, Afghanistan;
- Contribution to Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining Implementation Support Unit (approx. 5,5 thousand CHF);
- Regional seminar on Explosive Remnants of War (9–11 November 2005, Kaunas).

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

No new information is available.

Form F Other relevant matters

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	Republic of <u>Lithuania</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>15 October 2005</u>	to	<u>8 September 2006</u>
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Other relevant matters

Besides being a State Party to the Amended Protocol II the Republic of Lithuania has also joined the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (entry into force 12 May 2003) and Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the CCW (entry into force 12 November 2006).

In 2006 the Republic of Lithuania has been appointed as Coordinator on Explosive Remnants of War in the CCW Group of Governmental Experts.

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.”

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Lithuania has updated information to the United Nations Mine Action Investment Database (www.mineactioninvestments.org).
