

**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)**

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**REPORTING FORMATS**

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A      B      C      D      E      F      G

**REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008**

- FORM A:** Dissemination of information: **X** changed,  
unchanged
- FORM B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed,  
**X** unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- FORM C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed  
**X** unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- FORM D:** Legislation: changed  
**X** unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- FORM E:** International technical information exchange,  
co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation  
and assistance: **X** changed  
unchanged
- FORM F:** Other relevant matters: changed  
**X** unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- FORM G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: changed  
**X** unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

**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;"

High  
Contracting  
Party:

POLAND Reporting for  
time period from: 01.01.2008 to: 31.12.2008

Information to the armed forces:

As in previous years all rank soldiers within the Polish Armed Forces have received on the routine basis training commensurate with their duties and responsibilities to comply with the provisions of the Amended Protocol II (AP II) to the Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons. Moreover, due attention was given to the topic of the Amended Protocol II both during five special courses on the International Humanitarian Law organised regularly for squadron, battalion and sub-unit commanders and in the framework of comprehensive training for soldiers assigned to the NATO mission in Afghanistan.

Information To The Civilian Population:

Unchanged (last reporting 2003).

**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;"

High  
Contracting  
Party:

Reporting for  
time period from: POLAND to: 01.01.2008 to: 31.12.2008

International technical information exchange:

Unchanged (last reporting 2006)

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by irresponsible use of landmines in different parts of the world. In particular the Polish Engineering Forces personnel engaged in various peacekeeping and stabilising missions abroad, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities included among others removal and destruction of mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

At the reporting period Polish personnel, acting in close co-operation with other participants of the mission, fulfilled in particular following tasks:

- identification and mitigation of threats caused by mines and UXO;
- mines and UXO cleaning activities (including in buildings and facilities to be adopted for the mission needs);
- removal of unexploded ordnance and abandoned munitions from affected areas and storage facilities;
- participation in the evacuation and rescue actions from areas affected by mines;
- providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

At the reporting period 45 Polish de-miners were directly involved in demining and clearing activities in the military missions listed below. They identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

- Under auspicious of the UN - UNDOF Syria:
  - 18 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
  - 204 pcs of unexploded ordnance - various types of munitions;
  - moreover 1 283.2 km of patrol paths were checked and cleared.
- Under auspicious of the NATO – KFOR Kosovo:
  - 4 pcs of anti-personnel mines;
  - 4336 pcs of unexploded ordnance - hand grenades and other types of munitions;
  - 5,5 kg of explosives.
- Under auspicious of the NATO – ISAF Afghanistan:
  - 15 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
  - 20571 pcs of unexploded ordnance - hand grenades, missiles and other types of munitions;
  - 546 kg of explosives.
- Under auspicious of the EU - Chad:
  - 31 pcs of unexploded ordnance - hand grenades and other types of munitions.

The total cost borne by the Polish Ministry of National Defence as a result of the deployment of 45 de-miners, who were directly involved in UXO and mine clearance operations in 2008, has been estimated to be about 650 000 €. The amount covers expenditures for vaccinations, training, insurance, salary as well as board and accommodation but omits operational costs related to transportation means and other military equipment.