

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

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

YES

NO

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Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
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Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

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(last reporting year: 2003)

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

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Form F: Other relevant matters:

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(last reporting year: 2003)

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

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

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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:

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are instructed and trained in the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict including the rules set by the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its annexed Protocols. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:

- military and postgraduate studies, defence policy studies, operational-tactical studies, operational-strategic studies and qualification courses dedicated for candidates for professional officers, officers, military commanders and legal advisors organized by Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools;**
- training, special and qualification courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilian personnel conducted in training centres of all armed services;**
- the routine process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel conducted by superiors and legal advisors in all military units;**
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the International Humanitarian Law norms and regulations.**

Training in international law of armed conflicts and protection of cultural heritage is an important element of the preparation process of personnel for the peacekeeping and stabilization missions. All mission members are obliged to attend such training before deployment.

In 2017 Polish Naval Academy (PNA) organized International Conference of the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols). It was addressed to civilians and military personnel.

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INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

Civilian students received relevant information concerning the International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (including CCW and annexed Protocols) during optional or obligatory courses organized by Polish Military Universities, Academies and Officer's Schools.

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), under the auspices of the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross (PRC), which operates since 1977, is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Center runs the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contains a special section on conventional weapons regulations. The library is used by students and post-graduates in law, political sciences, and international relations, as well as secondary school students and PRC workers and volunteers from across the country.

During the year 2017, the PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized a number of seminars, meetings and lectures devoted to international humanitarian law. Most of them contained topics which focused on legal aspects of landmines (including II Protocol to CCW). It is worth mentioning just a few of the most important ones:

- XXI Polish School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict, in Radziejowice – an annual 5-days course for law and international relations students from civil and military universities, representatives of the Armed Forces, the Police, the Border Guard, the State Fire Service, Red Cross workers and volunteers.
- Lectures were given by experts on IHL from major Polish Universities and Armed Forces;
- Lectures on means and methods of warfare during IHL courses for armed forces organized by Military Center for Education – several lectures during 2017;
 - XX edition of Professor Remigiusz Bierzanek contest for the best Ph.D., MA and BA thesis in humanitarian law and human rights and knowledge about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
 - International Humanitarian Law training for journalists – one day training with Marcin Marcinko, Ph.D., head of the IHL Dissemination Commission as a main speaker. 24 journalists from national and local newspapers, TV and radio stations participated;
 - Coordination of the activities of the Commission for the Protection of the Emblem and related actions,
including :
 - assessment of applications for use of the emblem,
 - interventions in the event of misuse on a national scale.
 - Coordination of the activities of the IHL Dissemination Commission, including :
 - initiatives on promotion and dissemination of IHL,
 - networking and knowledge sharing,
 - publication and promotion of books.

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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;”

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

In 2017 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland contributed with 50 thousand US dollars in support of UNMAS's actions in Gaza ("Mitigation of the threat posed by explosive hazards in Gaza"). In the last three years Poland's total financial assistance to this particular program amounted to 135 thousand US dollars.

At the reporting period the Polish Engineering Forces personnel was not directly engaged in activities related to the international technical information exchange, international cooperation on mine clearance and technical cooperation and assistance.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE: