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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland, presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), and pursuant to Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the Amended Protocol II of the CCW, has the honour to enclose herewith the 2018 National Annual Report of Sri Lanka under Amended Protocol II of the CCW on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices.

The Permanent Mission appreciates receiving from the Secretariat, an acknowledgment of receipt of this communication.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), the assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



Secretariat of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons  
of the United Nations Office  
for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)

Copy to: President of the Twenty-First Annual Conference of the High Contacting Parties to Amended Protocol II  
(Refers to letter of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019)

## 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)

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#### 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: Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

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

YES

NO

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2018  
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to: 31/12/2018  
dd/mm/yyyy

**Form A:** Dissemination of information:

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 Unchanged  
(Last reporting year: 2013)

**Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

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(Last reporting year: 2013)

**Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:

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(Last reporting year: 2013)

**Form D:** Legislation:

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 Unchanged  
(Last reporting year: 2013)

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

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(Last reporting year: 2013)

**Form F:** Other relevant matters:

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(Last reporting year: 2013)

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

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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

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## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form A Dissemination of information

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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 :*

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#### INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

Dissemination of information on this Protocol to the armed forces is as follows:

- Tri Forces have made arrangements to disseminate copies of the above Amended Protocol II among service personnel with special attention on awareness with regard to Articles 3,4,5,6 and 7 and the instructions also include : 1) Issuing relevant military instructions, 2) Issuing and adapting operating procedures, 3) and providing appropriate training and informing personnel about the imposition of penal sanctions.
- Tri Forces have further ensured that there are no mine fields within or outside their camp premises.
- Furthermore, Tri Forces are conducting training on hazardless of minefields, determining and defusing explosive devices. Naval Bomb disposal units have been established with available equipment under Area Authorities at following naval establishments to meet above requirement.
  - Western Naval Command - SLNS Rangalla (Colombo)
  - Eastern Naval Command - SLNS Tissa (Trincomalee)
  - Northern Naval Command - SLNS Uttara (Kankesanthurai)
  - North Central Naval Command - SLNS Gajaba (Mannar)
  - North Western Naval Command - SLNS Barana (Mullikulam)
  - Southern Naval Command - SLNS Dakshina (Galle)
  - South East Naval Command - SLNS Mahanaga (Panama)
- Tri Forces have conducted training on land mines, booby traps and other explosive related training for officers and other rankers.
- Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes have been conducted and combined mine clearing programmes by Tri Forces were conducted in year 2018.
- Steps have been taken to meet technical requirements of this protocol and any other relevant information pertaining to the subject matter.
- Tri Forces have been taken steps to mark identified land mine areas with sign boards.

## INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

- Tri Forces have been taken steps to mark identified land mine areas with sign boards.
- A Mine Risk Education (MRE) programme has been completed for the civilians in year 2018 in order to provide information to the civilians.

The UNICEF supported MRE programme:

The National Mine Action Programme was initiated in 2002 with the assistance of UNICEF, UNDP, INGOs, local NGOs and several donor countries with the goal of creating a mine and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) free environment in support of the resettlement and development programmes of the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL). UNICEF supported Mine Risk Education program has started since 2003 with request of Government of Sri Lanka and since to date UNICEF is acting as a focal point for Mine Risk Education on behalf of the National Mine Action Centre. Under the coordination umbrella of UNICEF Sri Lanka, Ministry of Education, National NGOs and Humanitarian Demining Unit of Sri Lanka Army, Mine Risk Education is conducted in Sri Lanka. UNICEF technically and financially supports the MRE Program since 2003 to date.

The objectives of the UNICEF-supported MRE programme is to provide affected communities in landmine/ERW risk areas of Sri Lanka with the appropriate knowledge to protect themselves from the dangers of landmines and ERW. MRE program in Sri Lanka seeks to reduce risk-taking behaviour among people living in mine/ERW infested areas. It also aims to educate those working temporarily in or travelling to or through affected areas. Sri Lanka is implementing a cost effective MRE approach via the national education system, specialised national NGO staff, trained volunteers, community liaison staff among demining agencies and MRE staff of the Humanitarian Demining Unit. The use of mass media campaigns complements these approaches. MRE aims to be gender and age-specific taking into account the specific local threats (identified through village maps), risk-taking behaviours and at-risk groups

UNICEF-supported Mine Risk Education is being currently conducted in 2 districts – Jaffna and Trincomalee districts - in the Northern and Eastern Provinces. During 2018, around 30,000 community members including more than 15,000 children and adolescents living in high risk areas have been reached by MRE messages.

The results of the Mine Action programme, so far, have been significant. The total number of reported Mine/ERW incidents is fairly low last 2 years and zero in 2018, taking into account that exposure to the threat has dramatically increased with people resettling into areas affected by mines/ERW. Reports coming from the affected communities on Unexploded and Abandoned Explosive Ordnance (UXO and AXO) and on suspected dangerous ordnances are another strong indicator of the impact of MRE. Around 4827 explosive and suspected dangerous devices were reported by communities and NGOs during 2018 to MRE NGOs. This led to the removal of a great majority of the devices. To ensure long-term sustainability of the MRE programme, 100 village mine action committees have been established at the village level in 2015 and 62 are functional in 2018 to educate community members on Mine/ERW safe behaviour.



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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  
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

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#### **MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:**

Mine Clearance programmes have been conducted in Sri Lanka since 2002 in Northern, Eastern and North Central Provinces. Five Humanitarian demining operators are conducting Activities in 8 contaminated districts. The Total area released up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was 1279 square km (BAC-Battle Area Clearance, NTS- Non Technical Survey, NTS clearance) and remaining area to be cleared is 25.7 square kilo meters. The Total no of items recovered and destroyed was 2106494 (Anti-Personnel (AP)/Anti-Tank (AT) mines, Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)'s and Small Arms Ammunitions (SAA)

#### **Humanitarian Demining Mine Clearance Details and Device Recovered Items in Year 2018**

District Name	Manual Clearance Sqm	Battle Area Clearance Sqm	Technical Survey Reduction Sqm	Cancelled Area Sqm	Total Area Released Sqm	AP	A T	UXO	SAA
Ampara	13,530				<b>13,530</b>	72			
Anuradhapura	26,037		45,025		<b>71,062</b>	3		3	
Batticaloa					-				
Jaffna	169,638	1,023,262	207,907		<b>1,400,807</b>	1,560	9	1,093	20,43
Kilinochchi	1,192,183	355,156	224,792		<b>1,772,131</b>	9,724	53	3,023	15,60
Mannar	524,082		369,326	225	<b>893,633</b>	1,958		128	175
Mullaitivu	330,052	398,047	330,478		<b>1,058,577</b>	6,734		3,446	2,344
Polonnaruwa	5,825				<b>5,825</b>	2			
Puttalam	17,761		472		<b>18,233</b>	815			
Trincomalee	143,741		64,064		<b>207,805</b>	2,025		11	
Vavuniya	45,972		74,761		<b>120,733</b>	338		16	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,468,821</b>	<b>1,776,465</b>	<b>1,316,825</b>	225	<b>5,562,336</b>	<b>23,231</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>38,55</b>

## REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

The provision of psycho social support by the Ministry of Health, such as, physical rehabilitation & assistance, was provided by Jaffna Jaypur Centre and caritas Valvothayam.

The physical rehabilitation for mines / ERW victims focuses on the following categories.

1. Prosthetics
2. Orthotics
3. Mobility (Accessories such as wheel chairs and clutches)
4. Repairing (Repairing wheel chairs and clutches)

Accordingly the number of victims assisted is 2517; 636 artificial limbs have been provided; 1387 persons have been compensated for casualties and 954 persons have been provided with livelihood supports.

The National Mine Action Strategy was launched on 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 emphasizing the need of rehabilitation through the coordination of other stake holders.

Further, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved to design a special Victim Assistance Programme for the mine victims to support with livelihood programme in order to ensure sustainable income initially providing maximum of Rs. 150,000 per family with the focus of covering 1,000 mine affected families. The total cost of this programme is Rs 1000 Mn for the year 2019.

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (c)

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

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#### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

All technical assistances were provided by Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) & International NGOs to build a capacity and upgrade the existing knowledge of the personnel engaged in demining. The international INGOs and the GICHD had conducted training programmes and workshops.

#### ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

In 2009, as per the survey conducted by the Sri Lanka Army and other operators, 1417 Square Km was reported as confirmed hazarded area and to date with the support of the operators we have remaining only 25.7 square Km as confirmed hazarded area.

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### Form D                      Legislation

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

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#### LEGISLATION:

1. Accession to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (Ottawa Convention) on 13 December 2017 and enabling domestic legislation is in progress.
2. Accession to the Convention on Cluster Munitions on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, and enabling domestic legislation is in progress
3. Further, Sri Lanka has acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities in 2016.

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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:**

Special training and workshops have been conducted by GICHD on demining MRE, victim assistance advocacy, and stock pile destruction. Further the GICHD has also conducted programme on victim assistance obligations and the purpose objective and mandate of convention.

#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

The under mentioned international NGOs are operators in the country and provided their maximum support to clear all contaminated districts.

- a. The HALO TRUST
- b. Mine Advisory Group (MAG)

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### **TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**

All technical assistances were provided by GICHD and international NGOs to upgrade the knowledge of the demining personal in the country.

Further an impact assessment study using new technologies and methodologies to be done in due course.

The coordination of the development partner's forum has supported the NMAC to explore the possibilities of further funding other requirements. Moreover, the NMAC exchanges its achievements and way forwarded with Sri Lanka's Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva on regular basis.

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### Form F Other relevant matters

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Article 13,  
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#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:**

The following areas are also focused to ensure effective and efficient functioning of the National Mine Action Programme:

1. Demining
2. MRE
3. Victim Assistance
4. Advocacy
5. Stock File Destruction





	NO OF SURVEY TEAM	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	NO OF TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>HALO Trust</b>	NO OF EOD TEAM (MINE BURNING)	2	4	<b>8</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	NO OF MANUAL TEAM	56	9	<b>504</b>	112	0	0	0	0	0	--
	NO OF MACHANICAL TEAM	11	7	<b>77</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>11</b>
	NO OF SURVEY TEAM AND EOD CALL OUT TEAM	2	4	<b>8</b>	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
	NO OF TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM	HALO Clearance teams do Technical Survey. We do not have specific Technical Survey teams									

**LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:**

N/A

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