

**FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO  
THE 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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**ISRAEL**

**National Annual Report**

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, para.4 of the  
Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines,  
Booby-Traps and Other Devices  
as Amended on 3 May 1996 Annexed to the CCW

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**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)**

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para.2 and Article 11 para.2

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY

**ISRAEL**

DATE OF SUBMISSION

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Partially, only the following forms:

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**Form A            Dissemination of information**

Article 13.4.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**

IDF Engineering Corps (EC) took action to implement APII. Measures were taken in order to further ensure that the relevant military authorities in the IDF were aware of the provisions of the Protocol and their implications.

IDF's EC instructions and standard operating procedures are reviewed regularly in order to verify their compatibility with the provisions of the Amended Protocol II. Any contravention of such instructions may result in an IDF investigation and possible disciplinary or penal procedures, as appropriate.

IDF's maintains a set of detailed regulations and instructions regarding the management of archive, recording minefields and mined areas. During the past year the IDF's EC continued the program of a GPS measuring of minefields, as well as preservation minefields history.

Furthermore, efforts are extended towards the legal education and preparation of commanders, officers and soldiers by the IDF's School of Military Law, which is responsible for the dissemination of the laws of war within the IDF. The CCW, and amended Protocol II therein, are integral parts of the curriculum. Lectures concerning this issue are provided on a regular basis to IDF's personnel attending courses including officers (cadets) course, company commander's course and the IDF Command Academy.

In the previous years representatives from the MOD conducted outreach activities vis-à-vis relevant defense industries to explain the obligations derived from the APII and the Moratorium on exports. Sales and transfers of anu APL's.

During the last year representatives from the MOD and the IDF commenced an initiative to acquaint specific relevant industries with obligations derived from the APII, as part of an outreach program involving the Israeli Defense Industries in this regard.

Israeli Export Control Authority implemented and verified compliance with the moratorium on transfers of APLs. In this regard the MoD took action to extend the moratorium until July 2011 and made it public via its web site.

### **Information to the civilian population**

Information to the general population, regarding Israel's status vis-a-vis the Amended Protocol II, was made known upon Israel's ratification of the protocol.

Additionally, organizers of field trips such as those conducted by schools, youth movements, company employees and private citizens are obligated to coordinate their route with the relevant IDF area command. Upon such coordination, field trip organizers are briefed as to the location of mine fields situated in the area, or suspected areas that are treated as mined until cleared and verified, and are given the appropriate mine awareness instructions. It should be emphasized that land maps, which are issued by the Israeli Mapping Center (IMC), and which are commercially available, contain clear markings regarding the topographic location of minefields. The IMC and the IDF Engineering Corps (EC) continued to update 19 regional tour maps, covering all the territory open for recreation activities. All the suspected and known minefields are thoroughly marked and updated regularly.

All the appropriate information concerning the location of minefields was provided to the IMC. The IDF/Engineering HQ provides updates to the IMC. Maps available to the public are periodically updated by the IMC.\*

In order to prevent any accidental entry into potentially dangerous areas, warning signs in three languages (Hebrew, Arabic and English), are clearly positioned on the perimeters of mine fields. Further information, regarding minefield locations, is provided by local municipalities to the general population upon land rights and use inquiries.

Israel MoD, via its website on the Internet and in writing, provided Israeli Defense Industry and other arms manufacturers and exporters with the relevant instructions of the APT, especially the restrictions on the production of mines as are indicated in the Technical Annex and the prohibitions undertaken in the unilateral Moratorium on any exports, sales or transfers of APLs.

**Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programs**

Article 13.4.b "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ...on  
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs;"

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**Mine clearance program**

There were no newly emplaced minefields this year.

IDF EC continued to implement their annual program of demining, monitoring and maintaining protection of minefields and suspected areas, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol embodied in the military regulations. In this regard, fences and markings of the minefields were maintained through out the year by special EC military units dedicated to this mission.

During the past year the IDF executed hundreds inspections over fencing and marking of minefields and made significant progress to clear more than 10 minefields. Two more minefields are planned to be cleared by the end of the year.

IDF EC also continued its activities in promoting the project of improving the capabilities in recording precisely minefields (GPS&GIS) and building an accurate archive of manually emplaced minefields.

During the past year, several companies continued to export humanitarian demining protection gear such as inflammable sapper sandals, mine field clearing equipment etc.

### **Rehabilitation programs**

Israel has vast experience in the field of rehabilitation. With over 2000 traumatic amputations within the IDF and several dozens of civilian victims to landmines, UXOs, improvised explosives and other devices, caused inter alia by terrorists attacks. Israel medical services developed advanced surgical capabilities in managing amputations and in rehabilitating people who lost their limbs or had multi system injuries. They are now well trained and equipped to deal with the unfortunate effects of landmines.

Main Israeli Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centers responsible for facilitating comprehensive rehabilitation programs are: the “Tel-Hashomer” (“Shiba”), "Reut" and “Loewenstein” in Tel-Aviv, “Rambam” and “Bnei Zion” in Haifa.

Additionally, Israel has 6 laboratories specializing in the building of prosthetic devices, 10 specializing in the building of orthotics, more than a dozen orthopedic shoemakers and many physiotherapists in the field of orthopedic rehabilitation.

These health care providers render assistance not only to the Israeli citizens but also to many people from the neighboring countries and the Mediterranean region as a whole.

**Form C      Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13.4.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;

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**Technical requirements**

Compliance, with the technical requirements of the Protocol, was verified prior and throughout Israel's ratification process. After the ratification, and in order to guarantee Israel's continued compliance with the technical requirements of the Protocol, routine technical inspections are conducted by the Engineering Corps. The inspection and maintenance of the fences and markings of the mined areas was conducted this year as appropriate.

**Any other relevant information**

The MoD supervises carefully the industrial R&D programs to prevent development that is not subject to the technical annex of Amended Protocol II.

**Form D            Legislation**

Article 13.4.d    "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:  
(b) legislation related to this Protocol;"

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**Legislation**

Existing Israeli legislation enables the Government to implement the provisions of Amended Protocol II, without any need for additional legislation. This legislation includes, inter alia, export control legislation covering any defense equipment, defense know how and technology. The legislation is clearly published at the MOD Export Control website: <http://www.exportctrl.mod.gov.il>. There are also IDF regulations and orders concerning marking, fencing and monitoring as well as demining and disposing mines, booby-traps and other devices.

Moreover, a new and comprehensive Defense Export Control Act was enacted by the Knesset and made public (see MOD Export Control website mentioned above). This Act entered into force on 31/12/07. It criminalizes, inter alia, any violation of export without an export license or contrary to its provisions. This Act serves as Israel's statutory framework for the implementation of its obligations under the CCW regarding restrictions and prohibitions on transfer in addition the Moratorium on sales of APL's continues to remain in force.

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

Article 13.4.e      "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ...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**

Israel continues to consider the issue of international cooperation in the areas of mine clearance, mine awareness and mine victim rehabilitation to be of a major importance. These initiatives contribute to the global efforts aimed at the alleviation of the humanitarian problems associated with mines.

There is an ongoing cooperation and coordination with neighboring countries in support of the demining activities along the mutual borders, as feasible and appropriate.

Israel continues its cooperation and coordination, with UNIFIL, including transfer of information regarding UXO.

Israeli private company, MAAVARIM CE Ltd, participated in a survey project in Angola to detect and clear minefields and UXO.

**Technical cooperation and assistance**

Israeli companies have achieved technical expertise in the field of mine clearance and they contribute to the international mine clearing efforts.

**Form F**      **Other relevant matters**

Article 13.4.f      "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:  
(e) other relevant matters.

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**Other relevant matters**

In 1994 Israel unilaterally declared a moratorium on any export, sales or transfers of all types of anti-personnel mines. The Moratorium was declared in recognition of the grave humanitarian consequences associated with anti-personnel mines and the need, in this respect, for self imposed state restraint. Since its initiation, the moratorium has been extended for additional three years periods, most recently in 2008 (in force until July 2011).

The Israeli Export Control Directorate strictly implements and verifies compliance with the Moratorium.

Unfortunately there were still ongoing covert activities conducted by terrorist groups against Israel, supported by certain states who assist these groups to smuggle and accumulate weapons and explosives, mainly through underground tunnels and via sea lanes. Israel is cooperating with its neighboring countries, as well as with other countries in the Mediterranean and beyond to prevent the illicit trafficking and to dispose the seized arms, and to detect and destroy the underground tunnels.

Unfortunately there were 2 civilian casualties (one killed during a rescue operation and one injured) from exploded mines during this year. Relevant minefields were fully fenced and marked.

## Form G

## Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11 para 2

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially ..... on:

- 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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### Means and technologies of mine clearance

The leading Israeli companies and their demining capabilities and equipment are the following, as they appear at the internet:

#### ACHIDATEX (1977) LTD.

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#### CORTEX Engineering LTD.

8 Emek Zvulun st.  
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#### D.T.E. Co.LTD.

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Tel: 972-8-6750342  
972-50-5236865  
Fax: 972-8-6751045  
E-mail: [dte\\_com@netvision.net.il](mailto:dte_com@netvision.net.il)  
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#### Israel Military Industries (IMI) Ltd.

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