

**PROTOCOL II 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)**

Annual Report in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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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:

High Contracting Party: **HELLENIC REPUBLIC** reporting for time period from **Jan 01, 2016** to **Dec 31, 2016**

Information to the armed forces

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Information to the civilian population

--NONE--

Form B **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 131A/ b "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports o the Depository ... on
 (b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

Remark:

High Contracting Party: **HELLENIC REPUBLIC** reporting for time period from **Jan 01.2016 to Dec 31. 2016. Mine clearance pro-**
grammes

A huge ERW clearance programme is still under way in vast areas of Western Macedonia and Epirus in the North-West part of the Hellenic Republic, in "suspect areas" containing Explosive Remnants of War dating from World War II and the 1946-1949 era. There are no properly defined minefields in this area and no maps, the number of dangerous devices to be removed is very large and the weather conditions are adverse for the most part of the year, resulting in the very slow progress of works. It is worth mentioning that the "suspect areas" to be cleared and secured in the mountains of Grammos and Vitsi alone, measure well over 40.000 hectares. — **From 1th January until 31st December 2016, 815,201 m² were cleared and secured in the above area.**

Rehabilitation programmes

There are no mine victims (**Note:** All minefields along the border with Turkey in the Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by Amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs, since 20th July 2009 all antipersonnel mines have been removed).

Form C

Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13 / 4 / c

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016.

Technical requirements

--NONE--

Any other relevant information

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Form D

Legislation

Article 13 / 4 / d

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:
(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016.

Legislation

--NONE--

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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016.

International technical information exchange

The Hellenic Republic participated in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the CCW Convention, on Nov 2016 in Geneva”.

International cooperation and assistance

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Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on ...:
(f) other relevant matters”.

Remark:

High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Jan 01, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016.

Other relevant matters

The Hellenic Republic does not manufacture or import mines.

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 Hellenic Army basically employs manual mine clearance. International practices and standards in mine clearance are followed.

Lists of experts and expert agencies

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

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