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Form A Dissemination of Information

Article 13 / 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:

High Contracting party **Cyprus** reporting for time 01-10-2005 to 30-9-2006
_____ period from _____

Information to the armed forces

The Appropriate doctrine, all operational and training publications, as well as courses used in the armed forces of the Republic of Cyprus have been revised accordingly to incorporate the requirements that arose from the amended protocol II. The National Guard has informed accordingly, all personnel regarding the provisions set by CCW and the Ottawa Convention by a series of workshops designed to inform them of the new provisions.

Information to the civilian population

The civilian population of the island is informed through a series of training programs designed and implemented by the Civil Defence Authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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Form B

Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13/4/b

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

Remark:

High Contracting Party Cyprus reporting for time 01-10-2005 to 30-9-2006
period from _____

Mine clearance programmes

During the last three years a number of minefields have been cleared and the land returned to their rightful owners. More than 18,280 antipersonnel mines have been destroyed since last year's report. In addition to the mine clearance operations carried out by the National Guard an additional programme was set up, through funding of the European Union and in collaboration with the United Nations for the clearance of the minefields found in the Buffer Zone. As from October 2005, a further 171 mines antitank mines and 400 antipersonnel mines have been destroyed in 10 minefields, as well as 4 suspect areas were investigated and cleared under this programme.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adapted the relevant legislation to the existing relevant laws of the country as regards the provisions needed to be taken for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.

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Form C

Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13 / 4 / c

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary.....on:

© steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

Remark:

High Contracting Party Cyprus reporting for time 01-10-2005 to 30-9-2006
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Technical requirements

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all necessary steps to comply with the protocol's technical requirements. For this purpose, all minefields within the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

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 Depositary....on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

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Cyprus

reporting for time 01-10-2005 to 30-9-2006
period from

Legislation

The Republic of Cyprus has ratified the amended Protocol II and the additional Protocol IV of CCW (11th July 2003) as well as the Ottawa Convention (17th January 2003 and incorporated them into law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force as of 22nd of January 2004.

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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 Cyprus reporting for time 01-10-2005 to 30-9-2006
period from

International technical information exchange

Cyprus is assisting with international information exchange, cooperation and mine clearance through its participating representatives in international seminars and annual conferences held throughout the world every year.

International cooperation on mine clearance

Cyprus is working closely with UNMAS and GICHD to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of de-mining. In the case of Cyprus this cooperation has so far been successful through the collaboration of the UN and the Republic of Cyprus.

Technical cooperation and assistance

NIL

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Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 4 / f

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on:

(f) other relevant matters.

Remark:

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<p><u>Other relevant matters</u></p> <p><u>NIL</u></p>
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Form G

Information to the UN-Database on mine clearance

Article 13 / 4 / g

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary.... on:

Information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance;

High Contracting Party Cyprus reporting for time 01-10-2005 to 30-9-2006
period from

The National Guard is trying to keep informed with recent international practices and standards, equipment and methodology as regards mine clearance operations.

Lists of experts and expert agencies

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

National points of contact on mine clearance

For further details and information please contact:

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