

**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)**

**REPORTING FORMATS**

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH  
CONTRACTING PARTY: POLAND

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

**REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011**

**FORM A: Dissemination of information:**

changed,  
 unchanged

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

changed,  
 unchanged (last reporting:  
2003)

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

changed  
 unchanged (last reporting:  
2003)

**FORM D: Legislation:**

changed  
 unchanged (last reporting:  
2003)

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

changed  
 unchanged

**FORM F: Other relevant matters:**

changed  
 unchanged (last reporting:  
2003)

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

changed  
 unchanged (last reporting:  
2003)

**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;"

High

Contracting  
Party:

POLAND Reporting for  
time period from: 01.01.2011 to: 31.12.2011

Information to the armed forces:

All soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces are trained in the international humanitarian law including the rules set by the Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. The relevant information is disseminated to them in the framework of:

- Military Academies' curriculums for professional officer candidates and courses dedicated to military commanders and legal advisors – conducted by law scholars;
- training centers for all types of armed forces and military units as a part of a process of improving professional qualifications of military personnel – conducted by superiors and legal advisors in every military unit;
- military exercises which require taking into account specific rules of the IHL norms and regulations;

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

Information to the civilian population:

The Center for the Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law, attached to the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross, which operates from 1977, is tasked with the dissemination of information on IHL and mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Center is running the largest IHL Library (over 5 thousand volumes) which contain a special section on conventional weapons regulations.

During year 2011 PRC Center for the Dissemination of IHL organized 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 mention few of the most important ones:

- XXIX Warsaw Summer School in International Humanitarian Law (27.06 – 07.07. 2011, Madralin) – a 10-day course in English for law students from Europe, South America and the

Middle East. The lectures include top academics from European universities and international institutions;

- XIV Polish School in International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (11.04. – 15.04. 2011, Radziejowice) – an annual 4-day 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 National Defence Academy – several times during 2011.

- IHL competitions in PRC regional branches (Krakow, Bydgoszcz, Szczecin, Bolesławiec etc.) containing subjects devoted to legal rules on landmines

- translation and publication of educational/training materials for “Exploring Humanitarian Law” project. Project is an IHL dissemination tool for high school teachers. One section, out of 7, is entirely devoted to antipersonnel mines issue containing large part dedicated to Protocol II CCW.

- project “Without Mines” co-organized in Poland this year by Polish Red Cross and Religions for Peace (member of International Campaign to Ban Landmines). Basic concept presumed organization of 20 workshops among high-school students about legal and practical issues concerning antipersonnel mines (Warsaw, Krakow, Wrocław, Poznań).

**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 Depository ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;"

High

Contracting  
Party:

POLAND Reporting for  
time period from: 01.01.2011 to: 31.12.2011

International technical information exchange:

Unchanged (last reporting 2006)

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of humanitarian problem caused by landmines, unexploded ordnance and other explosive remnants of war. In particular the Polish Engineering Forces personnel engaged in stabilizing missions in Afghanistan, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations - additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities included among others removal and destruction of mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the affected communities. Within the mission in year 2011 one hundred and eight Polish deminers identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

- 72 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
- 5 pcs of air bombs;
- 812 pcs of artillery munitions and mortar grenades;
- 4366 pcs of hand and anti-tank grenades;
- 6600 pcs unexploded ordnance - various types of munitions;
- 1 230 kg of explosives.

The total cost borne by Ministry of Defence as a result of deploying of deminers, has been estimated to be about 1 700 000 €<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The amount covers vaccinations, training, insurance, salary as well as board and accommodation costs but omits operational costs related to purchase and use of transportation means and other specialist military equipment.



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*Szanowny Panie Ambasadorze,*

W załączeniu przesyłam raport dot. działań podejmowanych przez Polskę w ramach Protokołu II Konwencji o zakazie lub ograniczeniu użycia pewnych broni konwencjonalnych, które mogą być uważane za powodujące nadmierne cierpienie lub mające niekontrolowane skutki (tzw. Konwencji CCW).

Uprzejmie proszę o przekazanie ich do odpowiedniej komórki Biura Narodów Zjednoczonych w Genewie.

*Z wyrazami poważania,*

Tomasz Łekarski

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