

**EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO 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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Item 10 of the agenda

**Consideration of matters arising from
reports by High Contracting Parties
according to paragraph 4 of Article 13
of the Amended Protocol II**

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the
Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines,
Booby-Traps and Other Devices
as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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

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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: 1 October 2005 to 1 October 2006

- Form A:** Dissemination of information: changed
X unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed
X unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
X unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form D:** Legislation: changed
X unchanged (last reporting: 2004)
- Form E:** International technical information exchange,
co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation
and assistance: X changed
 unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- Form F:** Other relevant matters: X changed
 unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on
mine clearance: X changed
 unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)

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

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (e) 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	reporting for	1 October		1 October
	<u>SWITZERLAND</u>	time period from	<u>2005</u>	to <u>2006</u>

International technical information exchange

The Federal Department of Defence participated in international information exchanges in various ways, among others by providing technical information and operational demonstrations on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) systems for the contact-free disposal of UXOs and mines, but also by organising training courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) within the EAPC/PfP framework.

International cooperation on mine clearance

The Swiss Government spent in 2005 16,5 million SFr. on projects related to antipersonnel mines. In 2006, expenditures in the amount of 17 million SFr. are budgeted. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs mainly supports financially APM-clearing-projects, risk warning campaigns and victim assistance projects. The Federal Department of Defence is providing voluntarily expertise for Mine Action Programmes by the UN and selected NGOs. During the year 2005, Swiss experts participated in missions to Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, Eritrea, Lebanon, Somaliland, Sri Lanka and Sudan. During the year 2006, Swiss experts support missions in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Chad, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Sudan and Sri Lanka. The Federal Department of Defence further developed and updated its specific training course for future supervisors to be sent to international Mine Action Programs. Moreover, Switzerland, during the reporting period, provided material assistance (mainly EOD systems) to selected Mine Action Programs and projects (UN and NGOs) in Jordan, Lebanon and Sudan.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

The Swiss offer of EOD systems routinely includes not only the material, but also training and support. (Follow-up deliveries may take place upon request.). Furthermore the Federal Department of Defence conducts every year three international courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA).

Form F Other relevant matters

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (f) Depository ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	<u>SWITZERLAND</u>	reporting for time period from	1 October <u>2005</u>	to	1 October <u>2006</u>
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Other relevant matters

The Swiss Government contributed 8 million SFr. to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in 2005 and 8.2 million SFr. in 2006.

Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11, paragraph 2 “Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

High Contracting Party SWITZERLAND reporting for time period from 1 October 2005 To 1 October 2006

Means and technologies of mine clearance

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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