

**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
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EFFECTS**

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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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AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996
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(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)**

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

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NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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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 the 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;"

Remark:

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Mine clearance program

There were no newly employed 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 2008 the IDF executed more than 500 inspections over fencing and marking of minefields and cleared more than 11,000 mines.

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 employed minefields.

During 2008, an Israeli civil company conducted two significant mine clearance projects: one was a UXO's clearance at the Ramat-Hovav region and the other – near Pardes Hanna.

Several other companies exported during 2008 humanitarian demining protection gears such as inflatable sapper sandals, demining vehicle spare parts, 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 Depository ... 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

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.

On 31/12/07, a new and comprehensive Defense Export Control Act entered into force (see MOD Export Control website mentioned above). This legislation criminalizes, inter alia, any export of defense equipment and technology without an export license or contrary to its provisions. This Act serves as Israel's statutory framework for the implementation of its obligations on transfers under the CCW, as well as on the implementation of Moratorium on exports, sales and transfers of APL's.

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 on going 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 in Southern Lebanon.

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. In 1999 the moratorium was extended for an additional three years period, until 2002 and then until 2005 and 2008.. Israel recently decided to extend its Moratorium on all exports, sales or other transfers of all APLs for an additional period of three years, 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 to smuggle and accumulate weapons and explosives, mainly through underground tunnels and via sea lanes. The IDF 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 detect and destroy the underground tunnels.

Unfortunately there were two civilian casualties from exploded mines during this year, it happened while the two civilians were trying to steal mines from a fully fenced and marked minefield.

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:

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