

PREAMBLE

Pakistan supports the UN vision of 'a world free from the threat of landmines and Explosive Remnants of War, where individuals and communities live in a safe environment conducive to development, and support the mine survivors of neighbourly countries and thus integrate them into society'.

It is towards achieving this end that Pakistan has ratified the Amended Protocol-II and has adopted and implemented all measures necessary and more, to adhere to the provisions contained therein.

During the current year Pakistan has undertaken and implemented numerous measures towards fulfilling our obligations towards the Amended Protocol- II. These are highlighted in various Forms appended to this Report. No new minefields were put in place during the period covered.

**REPORT BY THE STATES PARTIES TO THE AMENDED
PROTOCOL- II TO THE CCW
COVERING PERIOD FROM 16 AUGUST 2006 TO 15 AUGUST 2007**

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.”

High Contracting Party: **Pakistan** Reporting Period: **16 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 07**

Dissemination of Information on the Convention and its Protocols to their Armed Forces

Details of the Convention are readily available in military libraries, Headquarters and schools of instructions. The contents of the Convention are included in the study curriculum at military schools of instructions. All the SOPs of army are prepared within the conforms of the Convention.

Dissemination of Information on the Convention and its Protocols to their Civilian Population

Pakistan Army educates the civilians in the border areas about the details of the Convention and the Amended Protocol-II. Government of Pakistan also takes steps to create awareness in civilians through newspapers, seminars and media discussions at national and regional levels.

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;”

High Contracting Party: Pakistan Reporting for: 16 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 07

Mine Clearance and Rehabilitation Programmes

1. Pakistan faces no problem of un-cleared mines; hence no casualties were caused accidentally. In the area adjoining Pakistan-Afghanistan border, sometimes mines are encountered, but these are mines left by the former Soviet troops. However, this problem is being addressed as under:-

- a. **Lectures.** Regular lectures are given to troops and officers during on the job training in the units operating/ deployed in the border areas with Afghanistan as well as India.
- b. **Mine Clearance.** Mines laid during escalation of 2001- 2002 on Pakistan’s Eastern border have been completely cleared from mines and handed over to civilians for agriculture and other purposes. Moreover, Integral Engineering Units of military formations are tasked to search for missing mines left by Soviets and ensure their destruction.
- c. **Awareness Programmes.** Army engineers have launched a comprehensive programme to educate the locals of border belt regarding the hazards posed by mines.
- d. **Accounting of Mines.** Every mine, which is laid by Pakistan armed forces, is accounted for.
- e. **Clearance of Explosives and Mines.** During the on going war on terror, the terrorists have several times used mines and improvised explosive devices against army personnel and civil administration. The Corps of Military Engineers continues to assist both military and civil authorities in defusing and clearing such devices. In this regard selected officers and troops were imparted training in the bomb disposal tasks as well.
- f. Casualties that have occurred consequent to the use of improvised explosive devices/ mines by terrorists are properly looked after in the following ways:-

- (1) **Compensation**. Depending upon the nature of casualty, monetary Compensation is being paid to army personnel and civilians.
 - (2) Artificial limbs are also being provided.
 - (3) Subsequent assistance for employment/ self-employment is also being extended.
 - (4) Army pay disability allowance to the victims of mines.
- g. No new minefields were put in place during the period covered.
 - h. Pakistan Army Ordnance Corps destroys large number of outdated mines every year.
 - i. Pakistan has established well-equipped workshops for the benefit of Afghan mine casualties during Afghan war with the Soviets. These workshops have specialized in the building of prosthetic devices, orthotics, and orthopaedic shoemakers. Many doctors have also specialized in the field of orthopaedic rehabilitation.
 - j. Existing perimeter marking signs have been painted and marked according to AP- II standards.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION

Article 13/4/c “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary on;
(c) Steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: **Pakistan** Reporting for: **16 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 07**

Steps Taken to Meet Technical Requirement of Protocol

1. Under the Amended Protocol II, the Anti Personnel Mines must be detectable with commonly available technical mine detection equipment and must have self-destruction and self-deactivation mechanism.
2. Pakistan has met the deadlines to improve the specifications on detectability of mines and has also planned incorporation of self-destruction and self-deactivation mechanism in its future production.
3. Marking of warning sign for areas containing mines has also been changed as per the requirement of Amended Protocol-II.

LEGISLATION

Article 13/4/d

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

(d) Legislation related to this protocol;”

High Contracting Party: **Pakistan**

Reporting for: **16 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 07**

Legislation Related to Amended Protocol- II

4. All current legislations are as per the International Humanitarian Laws, which cater for all the dictates of the Convention.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTER

Article 13/4/g “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary on:
(f) Other relevant matters;”

High Contracting Party: **Pakistan** Reporting for: **16 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 07**

Other Relevant Matters. Nothing to report.

INFORMATION TO THE UN-DATABASE ON MINE CLEARANCE

Article 11Para 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’s agencies or national points of
contact on mine clearance;”

High Contracting Party: **Pakistan** Reporting for: **16 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 07**

Means and Technologies of Mine Clearance

- a. **National Point of Contact.** Military Operations Directorate GHQ
- b. **Expert Agencies.** GHQ
- c. **General Training.** General training is mandatory for all troops with
emphasis on the following: -
 - (1) Breaching safe passages in the minefields laid by enemy.
 - (2) Clearing/ lifting of both own and enemy’s minefields.
 - (3) Maintenance of minefield’s record.

d. **Special Training**

- (1) Selected officers and troops are trained and employed on bomb/ munitions disposal duties in peacetime.
- (2) On Job training of all units/ troops designated for technical sweeping duties, is being conducted as a regular feature of training.

e. **Methods of Mine Clearance.** Following methods are being employed: -

- (1) Manual Methods.
- (2) Explosive Methods.
 - a) Mine Clearance line charge
 - b) Mine blazing technique
- (3) Mechanical Methods.
- (4) Electric Methods
 - a) Metallic Mine Detectors
 - b) Non-Metallic Mine Detectors