

**PROTOCOL II 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)**

Annual Report in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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**Form B**

**Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 131A/b "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

Remark:

*High Contracting Party:* HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Sep 21, 2010 to Dec 31, 2010. Mine clearance programmes

A huge ERW clearance programme is still under way in vast areas of Western Macedonia and Ipiros in the North-West part of the Hellenic Republic, in "suspect areas" containing Explosive Remnants of War dating from World War II and the 1946-1949 era. There are no properly defined minefields in this area and no maps, the number of dangerous devices to be removed is very large and the weather conditions are adverse for the most part of the year, resulting in the very slow progress of works. It is worth mentioning that the "suspect areas" to be cleared and secured in the mountains of Grammos and Vitsi alone, measure well over 40.000 hectares. — From 21<sup>th</sup> September until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, 218.900 m2 were cleared and secured in the above area.

**Rehabilitation programmes**

There are no mine victims (**Note:** All minefields along the border with Turkey in the Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by Amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs, since 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 all antipersonnel mines have been removed).

**Form C 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;"

Remark:

High Contracting Party: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Sep 21, 2010 to Dec 30, 2010.

**Technical requirements**

Hellas has taken all the steps necessary to meet the technical requirements of the Protocol. All mines, booby-traps and other devices in the inventory of the Hellenic armed forces comply fully with the technical provisions of Amended Protocol II.

**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:

*High Contracting Party:* **HELLENIC REPUBLIC** reporting for time period from **Sep 21, 2010** to **Dec 30, 2010**.

**Legislation**

Amended Protocol II was ratified by law 2652/98, published in issue numb. 249 of the Official Government Gazette on November 03, 1998, and thus became *part of the internal Hellenic legislation* according to the relevant provision of the Constitution. No other legislation is required to enable the Hellenic Republic to carry out its obligations under the Protocol.

The Hellenic Republic also ratified the CCW and its Protocols I, II and III by law 1979/91, published in issue numb. 186 of the Official Government Gazette on December 09, 1991. Protocol IV was ratified by law 2484/97, published in issue 75 of the Official Government Gazette on May 16, 1997. — The Ottawa Convention (MBT) was ratified by law 2999/02, published in issue 71 of the Official Government Gazette on April 08, 2002 and came into force on April 25, 2003.

**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: HELLENIC REPUBLIC reporting for time period from Sep 21, 2010 to Dec 30, 2010.*

**International technical information exchange**

The Hellenic Republic participated in the all the recent meetings of the Standing Committees of the Ottawa Convention, namely in the meetings of the Committees for "mine clearance, mine awareness and mine action technologies" and "stockpile destruction".

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

In 2004, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic provided the Greek NGO 'IMI' with 1.9 million euros for demining operations in Iraq and Lebanon. In 2003 the MFA provided the same NGO with 4,4 million euros for demining in Iraq, Lebanon and Bosnia & Herzegovina

**International cooperation and assistance**

The Hellenic Republic takes part in the Joint Action of the EU Member States providing financial and technical assistance to land-mine victims and affected countries.

**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".

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**Other relevant matters**

The Hellenic Republic does not manufacture, import or export mines.

Specialized personnel of the Hellenic contingent in Kosovo with KFOR, run mine awareness courses for the local population.

The Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center (MPSOTC) near the city of Kilkis in Macedonia, northern Hellas—established in 1998 and subordinated to the Hellenic National Defense General Staff—offers high level theoretical and practical education & training in PSOs and International Humanitarian Law, to personnel (officers, NCOs & troops) of the Hellenic armed forces as well as of the armed forces of various other countries of South-Eastern Europe.

**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 Hellenic Army basically employs manual mine clearance. International practices and standards in mine clearance are followed.  
- Canine detection is also employed in certain circumstances.  
-- Robot mine clearance systems (mini flail) has been purchased.

**Lists of experts and expert agencies**

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

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