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OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY
BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS
OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS ENGLISH only

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ISRAEL

National annual report

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Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines,
Booby-Traps and Other Devices
as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996
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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. This information, including the text of the Protocol is in the process of being installed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defense web-sites (www.mfa.gov.il; www.mod.gov.il).

Additionally, organizers of field trips (such as those conducted by schools, youth movements, work places 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, and which are commercially available, contain clear markings regarding the topographic location of minefields in the area. These maps are periodically updated. 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.

In addition the Ministry of Defense disseminated the restrictions and the prohibitions stipulated in the amended Protocol and its technical annex to the relevant companies and contractors.

IDF Engineering Corps, in cooperation with the Israeli Mapping Center, introduced a new edition of touring map that includes warnings of mined or suspected and hazardous areas. These new maps are now available to the public in digital or analog versions.

Mine clearance programs

In recent years the IDF and civilian contractors cleared many minefields and suspected mined areas. This year, additional plans for further clearance of minefields and suspected mined areas were developed. Some of the programs, commenced in the past, were completed in 2002, and other programs are planned to be implemented on an ongoing basis.

IDF is currently enhancing the existing procedures for verification of marking, fencing and military control on minefields in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol.

There were no new minefields put in-place this year. IDF continued to destroy outdated mines according to its annual program.

In the recent months there were many occasions where the terrorists smuggled, accumulated and used mines, booby traps and other devices part of which the IDF succeeded in seizing, confiscating and destroying.

With regard to mined areas in Southern Lebanon, Israel continued its cooperation with UNIFIL and verified once again that the relevant and available information, including maps and records of mines and minefields, was translated and delivered to the UNIFIL HQ. IDF will continue to extend full assistance and cooperation to UNIFIL upon request.

Rehabilitation programmes

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") and "Loewenstein" in Tel-Aviv, and "Rambam" and "Bnei Zion" in Haifa.

Additionally, Israel has 6 workshops 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 area and the Mediterranean region as a whole.

As International cooperation and humanitarian assistance in this field is extremely important, Israeli specialists were sent (under the auspices of the UN and the Israeli Foreign Ministry) to operate and provide education in other countries, dealing with similar problems, such as: Sri-Lanka, Vietnam, El Salvador, Croatia and Slovenia

Means and technologies of mine clearance

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