

**NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
HIGH CONTRACTING 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 REPUBLIC OF POLAND

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

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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,
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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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

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Summary sheet

(Pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of the Final Report,
CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2)

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/09/2006 to 31/08/2007

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

Form A Dissemination of information

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

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces
and to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	<u>POLAND</u>	reporting for time period from <u>01.09.2006</u>	to <u>31.08.2007</u>
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Information to the armed forces

As in previous years all ranks soldiers within the Polish Armed Forces have received on routine basis training commensurate with their duties and responsibilities to comply with the provisions of the Amended Protocol II (AP II) to the Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons. Moreover, due attention was dedicated to the Amended Protocol II issues both during three special courses on International Humanitarian Law organised for battalion commanders and in the framework of soldiers training before sending them to the mission in Afghanistan. The Polish Ministry of National Defence published an educational textbook on International Humanitarian Law in Armed Forces.

Information to the civilian population

Unchanged (last reporting 2003).

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	<u>POLAND</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>01.09.2006</u>	to	<u>31.08.2007</u>
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International technical information exchange

Unchanged (last reporting 2006).

International cooperation on mine clearance

At the reporting period Poland contributed to the alleviation of the humanitarian problem caused by irresponsible use of landmines in different parts of the world. In particular the Polish Engineering Forces personnel were engaged in various peacekeeping and stabilising missions abroad, executed tasks for the benefit of local populations additionally to their mandatory tasks. The activities included among others removal and destruction of mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other explosive remnants of war (in cases of emergency), as well as providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

In the reporting period Polish personnel, acting in close co-operation with other participants of the missions, fulfilled in particular following tasks:

- identification and mitigation of threats caused by mines and UXO;
- mines and UXO clearing activities;
- removal of unexploded ordnance and abandoned munitions from affected areas and storage facilities;
- co-ordination of and support to mine-clearance operations conducted by specialised commercial companies and international non-governmental demining organisations;
- mine threat control associated with preliminary adaptation of buildings for personnel needs;
- providing warning and risk education to the affected communities.

In 2006* 5 sub-units of Polish engineers were designated to the military missions listed below. The total costs borne by Ministry of Defence as a result of deploying of 80 of de-miners, who were directly involved in UXO and mine clearance operations in 2006, has been estimated to be about 950000 €. The amount expenditures indicated above covers vaccinations, training, insurance, salary as well as board and accommodation costs but omits operational costs related to transportation means and other military equipment. At that time the de-miners identified and destroyed the following amounts of dangerous items:

- under auspices of UN - UNDOF Syria:
 - 13 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 95 pcs of unexploded ordnance;

- under auspices of EU - EUFOR Bosnia and Herzegovina:
 - 70 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 67 561 pcs of munitions of various types, mainly for SALW;
 - 19,2 kg explosives;

- under auspices of NATO - KFOR Kosovo:
 - 7 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 134 pcs of unexploded ordnance;

- within the framework of Operation “Enduring Freedom” in Afghanistan:
 - 69 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 2 686 pcs of munitions of various types and unexploded ordnance;
 - moreover area of 16 097 m² has been checked and cleared;

- within the framework of Stabilisation Forces in Iraq:
 - 4 pcs of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
 - 9 843 pcs of artillery, mortar munitions, hand grenades, anti-tank missiles, air bombs and munitions for SALW and unexploded ordnance;
 - 26 kg explosives.

* The current reporting procedures concerning dangerous items do not allow to present data corresponding exactly to the reporting period.

International cooperation on technical cooperation and assistance
