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PAKISTAN

National annual report

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 to the CCW

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)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2.

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Form A

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party	Pakistan	reporting for	16.09.2001	to	15.09.2002
		time period from			

- 1) It was ensured that relevant information pertaining to Amended Protocol-II and restrictions imposed on certain categories of mines is disseminated to all those who were involved in the mine laying operations.
- 2) Information on the Protocol was disseminated to Unit Commander's Course in Military College of Engineering.

- 1) Civilians residing in the mine affected areas have been educated on the mines, minefield and the safety precautions to be undertaken, if they come across a mined area.
- 2) Institutions like civil defence and certain Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are also being trained in handling landmines. In this regard, techniques of disarming and their safe disposal forms special part of their syllabi. In addition, contents of Amended Protocol –II and its purpose is also being disseminated to all concerned, through these institutions/NGOs.

Form B**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;“

Remark:

High Contracting Party Pakistan reporting for 16.09.2001 to 15.09.2002
 _____ time period from _____

Mine clearance programs and Rehabilitation programmes

Pakistan is not a mine-afflicted country. There are no problems of un-cleared mines. Therefore, there were no casualties. However, certain problems are faced in the areas bordering Afghanistan. This is partly the legacy of Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and partly the result of continuing turmoil in that country and the porous nature of our borders with Afghanistan. However, this problem is also being addressed. The other related aspects are:

- a. The Corps of Engineers of Pakistan Army is the central agency tasked to deal with all operational requirements concerning military use of landmines and their clearance.
- b. Proper restraint on use of landmines by the Pakistan Armed Forces has already been acknowledged by the international community.

Technical requirements and relevant information

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

Remark:

High Contracting Party	Pakistan	reporting for time	16.09.2001	to	15.09.2002
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a. In view of the likelihood of employment of minefields in a future military conflict efforts are being made to disseminate the technical know how and the concept behind this Protocol to all concerned military / civilian personnel.

Any other relevant information

Legislation

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

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- a. As a policy, no manufacturing or trade of landmines is allowed in the private sector
- b. Pakistan has declared a complete ban on export of landmines, even to State Parties, with effect from March 1997.

Article 13 / 4 / e “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ...
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	Pakistan	reporting for time	16.09.2001	to	15.09.2002
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(1) Pakistan continues to participate in mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes at international level.

International co-operation on mine clearance

Pakistan will soon despatch a 'Demining Task Force' to Lebanon, for mine clearance in that country.

Other relevant matters

(f) other relevant matters.

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Other relevant matters

Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

- information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance

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a. **Expertise/Training**

(1) General Training

- Breaching of safe passages in enemy minefields.
- Clearing/lifting of own as well as enemy minefields.
- Maintaining of proper minefields record

a) Selected officers and subordinates are trained and employed on bomb/munitions disposal duties in peacetime.

- b) On job training of all units/troops, designated for technical sweeping assignments/duties, is being conducted as a regular feature.

- 1) Manual Methods.
- 2) Explosive Methods.

Mechanical Methods.
