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TO AMENDED PROTOCOL II TO THE CONVENTION ON 3 December 2002
PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE
OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY
BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS
OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS ENGLISH only

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THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

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
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(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)

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

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY	<u>THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA</u>
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This information can be made available to all interested parties and entities:

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NO

Partially only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13 / 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>LATVIA</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>1.10.2001</u>	to	<u>1.10.2002</u>
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Information to the armed forces

NATIONAL ARMED FORCES provides basic training in mine clearing and mine laying to enable the individual soldier to survive during the most common situations of land mine warfare. Officer and NCO education includes legal aspect of Amended Protocol II

Amended Protocol II was ratified by Latvia on June 22 2002 and will come into force on February 22 2003.

Information to the civilian population

The Republic of Latvia has no land-mine contaminated areas. WWII UXOs detected by civilians are reported to local police authorities and National Armed Forces.

The information on the Amended Protocol II was published in the official newspaper of Republic of Latvia “Latvijas Vestnesis” on November 19 2002. Institutions that are involved in assuring security to the civilians are National Armed Forces, local police forces and National Guards.

Form B **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary
13 / 4 / b ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party LATVIA period from 1.10.2001 to 1.10.2002

Mine clearance programmes

There have been no identified suspected minefields in the territory of the Republic of Latvia and therefore no mine clearance programs have been required. National Armed Forces provides EOD education programs for participants in PSO. In year 2002 five EOD specialists from Latvia participated in PSO in Kosovo.

Rehabilitation programmes

In the meantime Republic of Latvia is developing a programme for decontamination of sea and land surfaces from pollution, including pollution caused by military.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository
13 / 4 / c ... on:

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party LATVIA reporting for time period from 6.10.2001 to 1.10.2002

Technical requirements

All mines booby traps and other devices in the Republic of Latvia inventory comply fully with the technical provisions of Amended Protocol II. Latvia has ratified all points of the Amended Protocol II, only point 2 section b will come into force on December 2 2007.

Any other relevant information

N/A

Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary
13 / 4 / e ... 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 LATVIA reporting for time period from 1.10.2001 to 1.10.2002

<u>International technical information exchange</u>
N/A
<u>International cooperation on mine clearance</u>
N/A
<u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u>
The Republic of Latvia and Kingdom of Sweden have signed a bilateral agreement on Technical co-operation and assistance.

