

**FIFTH 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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**The Kingdom of Norway**

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

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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)

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

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**Form A      Dissemination of information**

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

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

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<p><u>Information to the armed forces</u>                  Core training includes 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 the legal aspect of the Amended Protocol II.                  Norwegian troops dedicated for international operations receive relevant information through mandatory national mine awareness courses.</p>
<p><u>Information to the civilian population</u>                  NORWAY has no land-mine contaminated areas. WW II UXOs detected by civilians are reported to local police authorities. This is a well-established practice since WW II. The police subsequently inform the Armed Forces for disposal.</p>

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**Form B      Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

*Remark:*

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Party      Norway      period from      01.01.2003      to      31.12.2003

Mine clearance programmes

Ref. Form A. There is no requirement for a national programme within Norwegian territory. However, Norway has established several programmes for her Armed Forces personnel participating in PSO in KFOR, IRAQ, ISAF and military observers in relevant UN-missions. Norwegian NGOs participate in on-going programmes for mine-clearance in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cambodia, North-Iraq, Angola, Mozambique, Laos and Kosovo.

Norway contributed USD 25 612 343 to Mine Action in 2002. About 20% of these funds were granted through the Norwegian development cooperation agency (NORAD), while the other 80% were granted through the humanitarian aid budgets. Also, more than 20% of the total Norwegian contribution was allocated directly to victim assistance projects.

Rehabilitation programmes

Norway, through the MFA and NORAD, supports several rehabilitation programmes in mine affected countries. The funding is channelled through the UN system, through NGOs such as the NPA, the HI or the LSN, through international organisations such as the ICRC, or it is administered through bilateral agreements with mine-affected states.

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**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:*

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Technical requirements

Through the national equipment procurement programme, Norway has renewed her inventory of hand-held mine-detection equipment, mechanical mine clearing vehicles and procured explosive mine-clearance equipment.

All landmines in the Norwegian inventory provide a response signal equivalent to the signal from 8 grams or more of iron in a single coherent mass. Thus, they are all detectable with detection equipment commercially available. All remotely delivered mines are equipped with self-destruction/self-neutralisation and self-deactivation mechanisms.

Any other relevant information

The Nordic countries have established an on-going co-operation programme related to standardisation of existing and future mine detection and -clearance equipment.

The Norwegian Army together with the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment are looking into possible development of sensor systems in order to improve the technological mine detection capacities.

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**Form D            Legislation**

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

*Remark:*

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Party                Norway            period from        01.01.2003        to 31.12.2003

Legislation

All facets of the Protocol are already covered by the general Norwegian Legislation. No additional or amending legislation is required.  
All military Rules of Engagement and the national Precautionary System are within the provisions of CCW legislation.

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**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:*

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<p><u>International technical information exchange</u> Norway is a member of the NATO EODTIC-system, NATO Combat Engineer Working Group, NATO EOD Working Group and has established bilateral MoUs with several NATO-states. Forums have also been established within a Nordic context, including the Nordic Demining Research Forum. Furthermore, Norway participates in several AC-panels and their subgroups.</p>
<p><u>International cooperation on mine clearance</u> NIL</p>
<p><u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u></p>



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**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

Norway is a member of The Convention on The Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling,  
Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (The Mine Ban  
Treaty).

Norway destroyed all APL in her inventory before October 1996.

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**Form G      Information to the UN-database on mine clearance**

Article 11      “The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on  
para 2      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

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<u>Means and technologies of mine clearance</u> Handheld equipment, mechanical mine clearing vehicles, explosive mine-clearing equipment, mine-detection dogs, electronic mine-detectors.
<u>Lists of experts and experts agencies</u> The Armed Forces represented by the Inspector of the Engineers, the Inspector of Base Defence and the Inspector of Norwegian Defence Research Establishment.
<u>National points of contact on mine clearance</u> The Norwegian MFA.

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