

**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 THE NETHERLANDS**

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;”

*Remark:*

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Information to the armed forces

The content and the meaning of this Protocol are an integrated part of the basic training of all armed forces in the Netherlands. It is part of the instruction in humanitarian law of war. Specific groups receive extended instructions.

Information to the civilian population

The contents of this amended Protocol have been published in the Bulletin of Treaties and the legislation for approval has been published in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees. Therefore, both are available to the civilian population.

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**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:*

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Mine clearance programmes

Since the Netherlands is not a mine-affected country, there are no mine action programmes conducted in the Netherlands.

Rehabilitation programmes

Since the Netherlands is not a mine-affected country, there is no specific rehabilitation programme for mine victims in the Netherlands.

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**Form C            Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article            “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary  
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

The Netherlands destroyed the last remaining stockpile of the 272 Cluster Bomb Units 89 “Gator” in December 2002. The destruction of the Gators was completed by the company EBV in Vogelgesang in Germany. The destruction was done by a combination of several methods, with the result that these mines are irreversibly destroyed and they no longer exist.

Any other relevant information

None

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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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Legislation

The Council of State has advised on a bill providing for the implementation of treaties in the area of arms control and disarmament. This advise has led to a reconsideration of the proposed bill. Subsequently the Amended Protocol II will not be implemented on the basis of the proposed bill, but on the basis of existing legislation, such as the Import and Export Act, the Arms Control Act and the Military Penal Code.

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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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International technical information exchange

Technical assistance:

In the autumn of 2002 the technical mine clearance advisers deployed in Eritrea and Ethiopia , as well as the liaison officer in Ethiopia, completed their mission and returned home. At present one liaison-officer has been deployed in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

International cooperation on mine clearance

The total amount spent by the Netherlands on mine action activities in 2003 was \$ 12,326,763 million. The Netherlands has made available the following amounts for mine action in 2003

**Country/ Area Programming:**

**Afghanistan**

Unmas	\$ 600,000
HALO Trust	\$ 868,561
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,468,561

**Angola**

HALO Trust	\$ 596,631
NPA	\$ 500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,631</b>

**Azerbaijan**

HALO Trust	\$ 650,000
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International cooperation on mine clearance (in 2003) cont.

**Cambodia**

HALO Trust	\$ 675,489
NPA/ CMAC	<u>\$ 914,773</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,590,262

**Chili**

Seminar landmines	\$ 12,600
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**Eritrea**

HALO Trust	\$ 2,283,117
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**Georgia**

HALO Trust	\$ 300,000
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**Irak**

Mine Advisory Group (north)	\$ 675,000
Unmas (south)	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 975,000

**Ukraine**

Stockpile destruction	\$ 30,000
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**Mozambique**

HALO Trust	\$ 673,568
Mine clearance, local capacity	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,198,568

**Somalia**

HALO Trust	\$ 457,445
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**Sri Lanka**

HALO Trust	\$ 465,987
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**Yemen**

UNDP	\$ 300,000
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**Multilateral/ Thematic Programming (Not Country or Region Specific):**

Monitoring and Compliance	\$ 120,000 (ICBL, Landmine Monitor)
Victim Assistance	\$ 454,000 (ICRC)
Mine Clearance	\$ 324,592 (Dogs, through HALO Trust Global)
Coordination	\$ 300,000 (UNMAS VTF)
Mine Action Team	\$ 300,000 (UNDP)

GRAND TOTAL : \$ 12,326,763

**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

The listed information under Form E is also provided in the UNMAS Database  
<http://www.mineaction.org/unmas>

The website data are updated throughout the year.

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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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<p><u>Means and technologies of mine clearance</u></p> <p>See national points of contact</p>
<p><u>Lists of experts and experts agencies</u></p> <p>See national points of contact</p>
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