

**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 CZECH REPUBLIC

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
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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.

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Form A Dissemination of informationArticle
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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reporting for time
period from

October
15, 2002

to

October 15,
2003

Information to the armed forces

Dissemination of information on this Protocol to the Czech Armed Forces was realised on the basis of publication in the Official Journal "Collection of Laws".

Several parts of Protocol II and their technical annexes were included to the military instructions and operating procedures with a view to prevent possible violations. Expert theory of the Convention and Protocol is taught in the frame of Military Colleges and Military High schools. Military training includes duties and responsibilities of military personnel to comply with the provisions of this Protocol.

Information to the civilian population

Civilian population is informed through publication in the Official Journal, "Collection of Laws", which is official publication of the Ministry of Justice in which new acts are published. Civilian population is also informed through many articles in daily press.

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

Any mine fields have not been on the territory of the Czech Republic since October 15, 2002. Therefore none mine clearance program was considered.

The Partial Pyrotechnic Sanitation (PPS) in MLADA and RALSKO, the former military zones, has been carried out since September 1993 according to the Government resolutions numbers 348/1992, 140/1993, 350/1997 and 95/2003. PPS in MLADA has been already finished in June 2000 and in RALSKO is to be fulfilled by the end of November 2003.

Based on our experience, PPS can be characterised as a process of search, detection and destruction of ammunition and elements of ammunition in the target and endangered areas of the former fire ranges, and remains of ammunition left or dumped in ammunition dumps, buildings or open terrain. A UXO from Austria-Hungarian period, from the Czechoslovakian period, from the period of the German occupation during the World War II, and UXO of the Soviet Army, which was based there till 1989, could be found there.

Rehabilitation programmes

None

Form C**Technical requirements and relevant information**Article
13 / 4 / c

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary
... on:

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

Remark:

High
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Party

The Czech Republic reporting for time October October 15,
period from 15, 2002 to 2003

Technical requirements

*Rem. Non-detectable mines (44 353 pcs of PP Mi-Na I) not fulfilling the requirements and
limitations in accordance with Protocol II were totally destroyed in 1997*

Any other relevant information

None.

Form D Legislation

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

Remark:

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Legislation

The Czech Republic is a state party to the Convention on Conventional Weapons and the amended Protocol II was ratified on 10 August 1998. Amended Protocol II of the CCW is a part of the Czech legislation norms.

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

The Czech Republic had prepared and used a technology for destruction of the antipersonnel bounding/fragmentation mines PP Mi-Šr II. The equipment used for dismantling/strip down operations consists of simple tools for disassembling and auxiliary fixtures mounted on benches or fixed to floor. A single purpose, automatically working electric equipment is used in one operation only. The equipment is operated without from the armoured box.

International cooperation on mine clearance

Czech KFOR (FRY – Kosovo) units are engaged in mine clearance in their areas of responsibility.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

The Czech Republic has been supporting the International Trust Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina and FRY-Kosovo.

Form F	Other relevant matters						
Article 13 / 4 / f	<p>“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:</p> <p>(f) other relevant matters.</p> <p><i>Remark:</i></p> <table><tr><td>High Contracting Party</td><td><u>The Czech Republic</u></td><td>reporting for time period from</td><td><u>October 15, 2002</u></td><td>to</td><td><u>October 15, 2003</u></td></tr></table>	High Contracting Party	<u>The Czech Republic</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>October 15, 2002</u>	to	<u>October 15, 2003</u>
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Other relevant matters

The Czech Republic continues to support forum, in particular the Geneva Conference on Disarmament, to intensify accomplishment of the Protocol II and the Ottawa Convention.

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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Means and technologies of mine clearance

The Czech Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams in KFOR are equipped with the "LOCUST 750" BOZENA, an universal loader (made in Slovakia), remotely controlled and equipped with rotating flails to destroy/activate mines and UXO.

Handheld equipment and other common conventional demining means are also used in the Czech Army.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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National points of contact on mine clearance

Supplementary information will be forwarded later.