

**FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES 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 SLOVAK 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

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.

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY	<u>SLOVAKIA</u>
DATE OF SUBMISSION	<u>September 2003</u>
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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

a b c d e f g

Form A Dissemination of information

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

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party SLOVAKIA reporting for time period from Oct 2002 to Sept 2003

Information to the armed forces

The content of the Amended Protocol II has become a part of the basic training of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic. New armed forces personnel receive special instructions. Instructing is conducted in military units by superiors and at the armed forces schools by teachers.

Information to the civilian population

Information on the Amended Protocol II fulfilment was disseminated to the civilian population by standard means (through mass media).

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 SLOVAKIA period from Oct 2002 to Sept 2003

Mine clearance programmes

Slovakia has not mine affected areas on its territory.

Since 1993 Slovakia has been participating in world-wide activities of mine clearing. For more information see form E

Rehabilitation programmes

not applicable

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 Contracting Party

SLOVAKIA reporting for time period from Oct 2002 to Sept 2003

Technical requirements

Technical requirements of the Amended Protocol II have been applied in the armament and also in the training and combat manuals of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic. Slovakia has finished destruction of its stockpiled anti-personnel mines in the previous period and retains 1483 antipersonnel mines (983 PP-Mi-Sr and 500 PP-Mi-Na1) for the purpose of the development of demining technology.

Any other relevant information

not applicable

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:

High Contracting reporting for time
Party SLOVAKIA period from Oct 2002 to Sept 2003

Legislation

The provisions of Amended Protocol II are contained in the Standard Operating Procedures, the combat and training manuals of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic.

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 SLOVAKIA reporting for time period from Oct 2002 to Sept 2003

International technical information exchange

International cooperation on mine clearance

Since 1993 Slovakia has been participating in world-wide mine action activities related mainly to mine and UXO clearance and mine awareness.

Participation of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic in mine action activities in detail:

a) 1993 – 1996 - UN missions in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNPROFOR, UNCRO, UNPF) – engineering battalion in the strength of 600 troops - mine and UXO clearance including the mine awareness training of other mission’s units.

b) 1996 – 1998 - UN mission in Croatia (UNTAES) – engineering unit in the strength of 500 troops - mine and UXO clearance.

c) 1999 – 2002 - NATO military operation (KFOR) – engineering unit in the strength of 43 troops - mine and UXO clearance.

Current deployment:

a) in UN mission in Eritrea (UNMEE) - engineering unit in the strength of 196 troops mine and UXO clearance (since December 2000).

b) Military operation in Iraq (Iraqi Freedom) – engineering unit in the strength of 83 troops mine and UXO clearance (since August 2003).

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Slovakia possesses the capabilities for ammunition and mines destruction by a non-explosive and environmentally friendly technology.

Form F Other relevant matters

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

(f) other relevant matters.

Remark:

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party SLOVAKIA period from Oct 2002 to Sept 2003

Other relevant matters

Lists of experts and experts agencies

Military Repair Enterprise 015 Nováky, (The Enterprise has carried out the destruction of Slovak antipersonnel mines.)

Duklianská 60,
972 71 Nováky
Slovakia

tel. 00421-46-546 14 82 (director)
fax 00421-46-546 14 80

Way industry, a.s. Branch Office (The factory produces the Mine-clearing Flail System.)
Jašíkova 2, 821 03 Bratislava, Slovakia

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

Slovakia produces its own mine and UXO clearing devices Bozena and Belarty. Bozena has been designed for removing of all types of anti-personnel and anti-tank landmines and also weeds, bushes, short vegetation and trip-wires. It is not intended for direct use in war zones. Bozena is a remotely controlled mine clearance vehicle controlled within a range of 5 km. The vehicle is controlled by a 16-bit computer and it is possible to control several Bozenas at the same time. The control system can be programmed to carry out all Bozena’s functions automatically. The activating device (flail) operates by using a system of rotary hammers, striking the same point about 5 times at high speed. The energy released by a strike is about 923 Joules for each hammer. The landmines detonate after being struck by the rotary hammers. Bozena is protected from detonation by a specially developed armoured shield situated at the front of the vehicle, affixed directly behind the flail. In addition, the whole machine is protected with an armoured metal cover providing the protection against damage from detonation. Belarty – UOS 155 is a special earth moving machine with mine clearance equipment designed for demining of both anti-personnel and anti-tank mine fields and cutting the bushes. UOS 155 can be used for digging the earth classified in any of the grades from 2 to 5 i.e. easy, intermediate and hard-to-dig type of soil by using appropriate tool. UOS 155 comprises the upperstructure with armoured telescopic excavator UDS mounted on the tank undercarriage T 55.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

National points of contact on mine clearance
