

**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 UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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.

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This information can be made available to other interested parties and relevant organisations

Yes

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:

High Contracting Party	<u>UK</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>17 Oct 2002</u>	to	<u>16 Oct 2003</u>
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Information to the armed forces

The appropriate doctrine, operational and training publications and courses of instruction for UK Armed Forces are updated as necessary to incorporate the requirements of Amended Protocol II as well as the Ottawa Convention.

Information to the civilian population

The UK’s ratification of Amended Protocol II was announced in the UK Parliament on 11 February 1999 and is, therefore, in the public domain. The general population of the UK have also been informed through advertisements in the national press, of the entry into force of the Ottawa Convention on 1 March 1999, and on the implications for all UK citizens of the Ottawa Convention.

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

UK territory, on which it is known mines have been laid and still exist, lies in the Falkland Islands located in the South Atlantic Ocean. Currently remaining from the 1982 conflict between the UK and Argentina, are 117 minefields containing either anti-personnel, anti-vehicle mines or a combination of both. The UK and Argentina are working together to assess the costs and feasibility of mine clearance options in the Falkland Islands.

Rehabilitation programmes

The UK runs health and social development programmes with targeted elements for disabled people including those injured by landmines.

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:

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Technical requirements

The UK completed destruction of all its operational stocks of APMs on 19 October 1999.
All mines, booby traps and other devices in the UK's inventory comply fully with the
technical provisions of Amended Protocol II.

Any other relevant information

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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Party	UK	period from	17 Oct 2002	to 2003

<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <p>Amended Protocol II is fully incorporated into UK law. The UK is also bound by the Landmines Act 1998, which brings into effect in domestic law the provisions of the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibitions of the Use, Production, Stockpiling, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.</p>
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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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Party UK period from 17 Oct 2002 to 16 Oct 2003

International technical information exchange

The UK works closely with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) – including technical information exchange - to facilitate international coordination and cooperation in the field of de-mining. The UK is also a member of the International Test and Evaluation Programme which promotes a shared approach to technological demining solutions.

International cooperation on mine clearance

The UK has previously provided support to international demining activity through a variety of official organisations (for example, BiH Mine Action Centre and the UN Mine Action Coordination Centre in Kosovo), non-Governmental organisations and commercial companies. In the future UK funding for demining will be channelled through the UN (UNMAS and UNDP). The UK also provides support to the GICHD.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

The UK provides, on a case by case basis, technical assistance, specialist training and advice on bi- and multilateral levels.

Form F

Other relevant matters

Article
13 / 4 / f

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... on:

(f) other relevant matters.

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Other relevant matters

The Mine Information and Training Centre (MITC) at Minley in Surrey, established by the UK Ministry of Defence, is the UK military centre of excellence for humanitarian mine action and mine awareness training. It provides a focus for the mine awareness training to military personnel prior to deployment overseas and the staff frequently travel to assess other mines awareness instructors to ensure that standards are maintained. It also provides mine awareness training and advice together with more general information on mines to other Government Departments, non-government organisations, academia, industry and civilians. Since December 1997, the centre has trained in excess of 51,000 people including over 1,500 returning Kosovo refugees.

Form G

Article 11
para 2

- 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

UK Armed Forces follow international practices and standards in mine clearance.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

For details of experts and expert agencies please contact the points of contact detailed below.

National points of contact on mine clearance

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