

**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 REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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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This information can be made available to all interested parties and entities:

**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:*

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Information to the armed forces

**Familiarization with the Protocol in the Slovenian Armed Forces (SAF)**

SAF units and commands are familiar with the content of the Protocol on the prohibitions and restrictions on the use of landmines, trip mines and other devices.

**a) Engineer units:**

- Commands in their entirety through regular military training; units in their entirety through regular training.

**b) Commands and units in other SAF services:**

- Commands in their entirety through regular military training; units to the extent provided for through training programmes (Protocol provisions on prohibited means and on marking hazardous areas).

Information to the civilian population

Amended Protocol II was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 94 on 8 November 2002.

## **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;”

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### Mine clearance programmes

Slovenia is non-mine-affected country.

International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victim Assistance - ITF, humanitarian, non-profit organisation devoted to the eradication of landmines in the region of South East Europe and the world, have been established by the Slovenian Government in 1998. After five years of operations ITF has developed into an exceptionally successful and internationally acknowledged institution. Today, ITF is actively involved in demining in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and on smaller scale also in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia.

From its inception until May 2003 ITF succeeded in raising more than 119 million dollars from more than 24 countries, 30 organizations/companies and 100 individuals, as well as from the EU. While the majority of the donated funds have been spent on demining activities and Mine Victim Assistance programs, some have been directed towards capacity building, mine risk education and other Mine Action related activities.

Until May 2003 ITF cleared more than 35.8 million square meters of mine-contaminated land and more than 17.000 mines and 16.000 unexploded remnants of war were discovered in the region of SouthEast Europe.

### Rehabilitation programmes

From 1998, more than 600 persons, mine victims from the mine-affected countries from SouthEast Europe have been rehabilitated in the Rehabilitation Institute of the Republic of Slovenia.

**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**Measures for the realisation of the technical aspects of the Protocol**

As part of the regular work of SAF engineer units, the Slovenian Military Standard (SVS) 2036 is used in its entirety as it pertains to the marking of hazardous areas. STANAG 2430 is also used in part.

By the end of 2003, SAF will have at its disposal a “pioneer” platoon (PIONV) (30 staff members), trained in detection and clearance of landmines.

A proposal has already been prepared for the formation of an EOD platoon composed of previously trained EOD experts. Such a unit could participate in PfP operations and perform humanitarian demining tasks.

High quality mine detection equipment (2<sup>nd</sup> generation mine detection technology) is on hand. (During 2003, additional mine detection equipment - 3<sup>rd</sup> generation mine detection systems - will be purchased.) Such equipment is intended for manual mine clearance and work with it is slow. However, it ensures a high level of security in inspected areas.

Requirements concerning theoretical and practical training are well known and integrated into regular training plans for engineer units. By the end of 2003, a new mining and demining pack will be introduced into SAF units in full compliance with Protocol requirements (marking mines and mined areas).

Any other relevant information

NIL

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**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

Republic of Slovenia ratified the Amended Protocol II on 8 November 2002 and deposited the instruments of ratification to the Secretary-General of the UN on 3 December 2002. Republic of Slovenia signed the Ottawa Convention on 3 December 1997 and ratified it on 27 October 1998. The Law on Ratification of Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction entered into force on 1 April 1999

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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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<u>International technical information exchange</u>
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<u>International cooperation on mine clearance</u>
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See Form B.
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<u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u>
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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.

*Remark:*

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Other relevant matters

In accordance with the obligations deriving from the Ottawa Convention on 25 March 2003, the last 200 anti-personnel landmines from Slovene Army stockpiles were destroyed. With that solemn final act, Republic of Slovenia fully implemented its obligations concerning the destruction of anti-personnel mines, as stipulated by the Ottawa Convention. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, Slovenia will retain 3000 pieces for its own de-mining technology research, and training of troops in mine detection and mine clearance.

**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**Information on methods and techniques for mine clearance**

The information on mine clearance methods and techniques are defined in existing regulations and instructions. We acquire knowledge on new technologies and new methods from foreign publications and from the exchange of experiences with representatives of foreign armed forces. All SAF staff with military evidence duties (VED) 31701, 21701 and 11701-*pionir* as well as EOD experts have been trained in mine detection and clearance as well as the use of explosive methods.

Lists of experts and experts agenciesNational points of contact on mine clearance

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