

**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 STATE OF ISRAEL

National annual report

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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 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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and relevant organizations**

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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;”

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Information to the armed forces

Before and after Israel’s ratification of amended Protocol II, measures were taken in order to ensure that the relevant authorities in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) were aware of the provisions of the Protocol and their implications.

Additionally, IDF instructions and operating procedures are reviewed regularly in order to verify their compatibility with the provisions of amended Protocol II. Any contravention of such instructions may result in an IDF investigation and possible disciplinary or penal procedures, as appropriate.

IDF Engineering Corps maintain a set of detailed regulations and instructions regarding the management of archive, recording minefields and mined areas.

Furthermore, efforts are extended towards the legal education and preparation of commanders, officers and soldiers by the IDF School of Military Law, which is responsible for the dissemination of the laws of war within the IDF. The provisions of the CCW, and amended Protocol II in particular, are lectured as part of the curriculum. Lectures concerning the Convention and the Protocol are provided on a regular basis to commanders of the IDF Engineering Corps.

Information to the civilian population

Information to the general population, regarding Israel's status vis-a-vis the Amended Protocol II, was made known upon Israel's ratification of the protocol.

Additionally, organizers of field trips (such as those conducted by schools, youth movements, work places and private citizens) are obligated to coordinate their route with the relevant IDF area command. Upon such coordination, field trip organizers are briefed as to the location of mine fields situated in the area, or suspected areas that are treated as mined until cleared and verified, and are given the appropriate mine awareness instructions. It should be emphasized that part of the land maps, which are issued by the Israeli Mapping Center (IMC), and which are commercially available, contain clear markings regarding the location of minefields. Periodically, all the information available to the IDF is being updated by the IMC (IDF/Engineering HQ updates IMC quarterly). In order to prevent any accidental entry into potentially dangerous areas, warning signs in three languages (Hebrew, Arabic and English), are clearly positioned on the perimeters of mine fields.

Furthermore, this year the IDF started staff work to improve the recording measures of several minefields and suspected areas by using specific GPS and other equipment that will assist in the management and control of all the minefields and suspected areas under its responsibility and will enable the IMC to further distribute an updated and accurate location of minefields.

Accordingly, an updated information, regarding the exact location of minefields and suspected areas that were closed by the IDF authorities, were provided, to local municipalities and other interested establishments.

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 programs

There were no new minefields put in-place this year. IDF went on in carrying out its program to destroy the outdated mines and other munitions.

The IDF also continued to verify the marking, fencing and monitoring of minefields and suspected areas in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol as embodied in its military regulations, including where necessary, the renewal of fences and markings.

In the past year there were many incidents where terrorists used explosive devices, causing severe casualties. There were also large scale activities done by terrorist groups to smuggle and accumulate mines, booby traps and other devices as well as improvised explosive devices, part of which the IDF succeeded in seizing, confiscating and destroying.

Rehabilitation programs

Israel has vast experience in the field of rehabilitation. With over 2000 traumatic amputations within the IDF and several dozens of civilian victims to landmines, UXOs, improvised explosives and other devices, caused inter alia by terrorists attacks. Israel medical services developed advanced surgical capabilities in managing amputations and in rehabilitating people who lost their limbs or had multi system injuries. They are now well trained and equipped to deal with the unfortunate effects of landmines.

Main Israeli Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centers responsible for facilitating comprehensive rehabilitation programs are : the “Tel-Hashomer” (“Shiba”) and “Loewenstein” in Tel-Aviv, and “Rambam” and “Bnei Zion” in Haifa.

Additionally, Israel has 6 workshops specializing in the building of prosthetic devices, 10 specializing in the building of orthotics, more than a dozen orthopedic shoemakers and many physiotherapists in the field of orthopedic rehabilitation.

These health care providers render assistance not only to the Israeli citizens but also to people from the neighboring countries and the Mediterranean region as a whole.

Technical requirements and relevant information

“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;

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Technical requirements

Compliance, with the technical requirements of the Protocol, was verified prior and throughout Israel's ratification process. After the ratification, and in order to guarantee Israel's continued compliance with the technical requirements of the Protocol, routine technical inspections are conducted by the Engineering Corps.

Any other relevant information

Form D**Legislation**Article
13 / 4 / d

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;

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period from**1.11.02**to **1/11/2003**Legislation

Existing Israeli legislation enables the Government to implement the provisions of Amended Protocol II, without any need for additional legislation. This legislation includes, inter alia, export control legislation covering any defense equipment, know how and technology. There are also IDF regulations and orders concerning marking, fencing and monitoring as well as demining and disposing of mines, booby-traps and other devices.

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;

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International technical information exchange

International cooperation on mine clearance

Israel continues to considers the issue of international cooperation in the areas of mine clearance, mine awareness and mine victim rehabilitation to be of major importance. These initiatives contribute to the global efforts aimed at the alleviation of the humanitarian problems associated with mines. In this context, during the years 1995-2001 Israel, in conjunction with UNICEF, was involved in a mine awareness project conducted in Angola, which aimed to educate the local population in different regions of the country as to the hazards of mines. The Israeli involvement in this project was upgraded in 2002, and 4 Israeli volunteers, financially supported by Israel, operated in the area. Additionally, Israel has conducted in 1997 a joint mine clearance project with Jordan, in Arava Valley, in order to enable the agricultural utilization of the area. Similarly, in 1998 Israel, Jordan, Canada and Norway joined in a quadrilateral project aimed at mine clearance in the Jordan Valley and medical rehabilitation for Jordan mine victims. In this respect, Israel organized and hosted a workshop on rehabilitation of mine victims that was held on April that year. In other occasion experts from Israeli private company Maavarim conducted workshops of mine awareness to refugees from Kosovo in Albania before their return back home. This company together with the Turkish company ARMADA and others are in a process of planning to clear mines along the borders to release the area for agriculture use. During this year it also checked suspected areas for the "Jordan Gates Projects" where free trade area will be established soon.

Technical co-operation and assistance

Israeli companies have achieved technical expertise in the field of mine clearance and they contribute to the international mine clearing efforts. Israeli private companies participated in mine clearance programs in Croatia and Albania. They also submitted proposals to tenders published by UNDP for assigning demining experts on alert list and for participation in its mine clearance programs

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.

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Other relevant matters

In 1994 Israel unilaterally declared a moratorium on the export of all types of anti-personnel mines. The Moratorium was declared in recognition of the grave humanitarian consequences associated with anti-personnel mines and the need, in this respect, for self imposed state restraint. In 1999 the moratorium was extended for an additional three years period, until 2002.

Israel extended its unilateral moratorium on export of any anti personnel land mines, for an additional three years (until July 2005).

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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