

**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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NEW ZEALAND

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.

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Form A Dissemination of information

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

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party	<u>New Zealand</u>	reporting for time period from	<u>4/12/2002</u>	to	<u>31/08/2003</u>
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Information to the armed forces

Consistent with its obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines, and on their Destruction, New Zealand's armed forces no longer use anti-personnel mines, except in accordance with Article 3 of the Ottawa Convention (ie for detection/clearance/destruction training only). The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade keeps in close touch with the New Zealand Defence Force and they consult on international developments. New Zealand's obligations under this Protocol are disseminated at the operational level of the armed forces by the New Zealand Defence Force's legal advisors

Information to the civilian population

The New Zealand Government has a cooperative relationship with civil society groups in this area, including on the CCW, Mine Ban Convention as well as regular dialogue on landmine issues in general. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade also publishes relevant information on its internet website and in its Disarmament Bulletin, a free and widely distributed publication.

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party New Zealand period from 4/12/2002 to 31/08/2003

Mine clearance programs

New Zealand operates no mine clearance programmes of its own, but does provide personnel and funding to a range of other programmes (See Form E and F)

Rehabilitation programs

New Zealand operates no mine victim rehabilitation programmes of its own, but provided funding in the reporting period to the following rehabilitation activities:

- * The NGO Cambodian School of Prosthetics and Orthotics, which trains technicians to make and fit artificial limbs, and provide physical rehabilitation services.
- * The NGO Rehabilitation Craft Cambodian, which provides productive employment for disabled persons, including many who are mine victims.

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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<u>Technical requirements</u>

New Zealand does not possess any items requiring technical modification in order to make them compliant with this Protocol.

<u>Any other relevant information</u>

The New Zealand Defence Force has taken steps to ensure that its doctrine is in full compliance with New Zealand's obligations under this Protocol.

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 New Zealand period from 4/12/2002 to 31/08/2003

Legislation

New Zealand has made no changes to its legislation, the Anti-Personnel Mines Prohibition Act 1998, relevant to this Protocol since the last reporting period.

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

See form F.

International cooperation on mine clearance

Afghanistan: provision of NZ\$80,000 Overseas Development Assistance funding to NZ NGO Christian World Service through EMDR NGO Fund to a mine awareness programme.

Cambodia: provision of 2 NZ defence Force personnel (senior technical advisor training, senior technical advisor logistics).

Iraq: provision of 2 NZDF personnel to the UN Mine Action Rapid response Plan (UNMARRP) until December 2003

Laos: provision of 2 NZ Defence Force personnel until May 2003. (senior technical advisor, senior technical advisor logistics)

Mozambique: provision of 2 NZ Defence Force personnel (chief technical advisor, training advisor)

Sri Lanka: provision of US\$79,000 to the UNDP UN Support to Mine Action project.

United Nations: provision of 1 NZ Defence Force member with the UN Mine Action Service.

Technical co-operation and assistance

Laos: provision of financial support to an NGO “Mines Advisory Group” to develop and trial a **Village Assistance Clearance** approach.

See above, “International Cooperation on Mine Clearance”, and for F.

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:

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Contracting reporting for time
Party New Zealand period from 4/12/2002 to 31/08/2003

Other relevant matters

New Zealand has signed and ratified the Convention on the Prohibition and Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (Ottawa Convention), and has related obligations under that Convention. New Zealand also continues to participate in its intersessional work programme. New Zealand will take up the position of Co-Rapporteur for the Ottawa Convention Standing Committee on General Status and Operation in 2004. New Zealand contributes funds to multilateral programmes in the field of mine action, including the UN Trust Fund for Mine Clearance and UNDP demining and unexploded ordnance programmes in Mozambique, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic and Cambodia. An NZDF officer is currently seconded to UNMAS. In the past the New Zealand Government has donated funds for research into mine detection technologies. New Zealand contributes to the UN Mine Action database and further detailed information is available there. In the past year New Zealand also donated funds to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, to facilitate attendance at the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties in Bangkok by NGO representative from the Pacific Islands, and the Implementation Support Unit of 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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<p><u>Means and technologies of mine clearance</u></p> <p>The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) uses the means and technologies utilised by the particular organisation NZDF personnel serving with. For example, in Mozambique, this includes mechanical devices, hand held devices and canine detection.</p>
<p><u>Lists of experts and experts agencies</u></p> <p>The experts seconded from NZDF comprise highly trained officers and Warrant Officers of the Royal New Zealand Engineers. The individual service members involved change from time to time.</p>
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