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#### THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

## National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2of 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)

## Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2, pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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Form A: Dissemination of information: ÿ changed

unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: ÿ changed

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Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information: ÿ changed

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Form D: Legislation:

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and assistance:

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Form F: Other relevant matters: ÿ changed

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mine clearance:

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# Form D Legislation

Article 13, "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the paragraph 4 (d) Depositary ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;"

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## Legislation

An export moratorium on anti-personnel mines (APM) and their components was declared by the Swiss Government in 1994 with respect to States which were not Parties to the Protocol II of the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons of 1980. On 13 December, 1996, the Swiss Parliament enacted national legislation prohibiting the development, production, brokerage, acquisition, import, export, transfer, stockpiling, use and possession of and any other activity relating to APM (Swiss Federal Law on War Material). The only activities permitted are those which are directly related to the destruction of or the protection against APM. With entry into force of the amended Protocol II on 3 December 1998 and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction of 1997 (Mine Ban Treaty) on 1 March 1999 for Switzerland, these international legal instruments became integral parts of the Swiss legislation. The definition of "APM" applied in the Swiss Federal Law on War Material was extended to the definition used in the Mine Ban Treaty and the amended Protocol II. According to the modified Article 8 of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material, "APM" is defined as any explosive device that is placed in or on the ground or any other surface or in their proximity and is designed or modified to explode by the presence, proximity or contact of a person and that is intended to incapacitate, injure or kill one or more persons. Mines designed to detonate upon the presence, proximity or contact of a vehicle as opposed to a person and that are equipped with anti-handling devices, are not considered anti-personnel mines as a result of being so equipped. This amendment entered into force on 1 March 1999. In addition, the Swiss Parliament adapted art. 8 of the Swiss Federal Law on War Material to the exact wording of art. 2 (3) and art. 3 (1) of the Mine Ban Treaty. This amendment entered into force on 1 June 2004.

Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13, "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the

paragraph 4 (e) Depositary ... 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

The Federal Department of Defence participated in international information exchanges in various ways, among others by providing technical information and operational demonstrations on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) systems for the contact-free disposal of UXOs and mines, but also by organising training courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) within the EAPC/PfP framework.

# International cooperation on mine clearance

The Swiss Government spent in 2003 15 million SFr. on projects related to antipersonnel mines. In 2004, expenditures in the amount of 16 million SFr. are budgeted. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs mainly supports financially APM-clearing-projects, risk warning campaigns and victim assistance projects. The Federal Department of Defence is providing voluntarily expertise for Mine Action Programmes by the UN and selected NGOs. During the year 2003, Swiss experts participated in missions to Afghanistan, Albania, Chad, Iraq, Eritrea, Somaliland and Sri Lanka. During the year 2004, Swiss experts supported missions in Afghanistan, Albania, Chad, Eritrea, Lebanon, Somaliland/Puntland, Sudan and Sri Lanka. The Federal Department of Defence further developed and updated its specific training course for future supervisors to be sent to international Mine Action Programs. Moreover, Switzerland, during the reporting period, provided material assistance (mainly EOD systems) to selected Mine Action Programs and projects (UN and NGOs) in Croatia, Eritrea and Iraq (2003) and in Yemen (2004).

## <u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u>

The Swiss offer of EOD systems routinely includes not only the material, but also training and support. (Follow-up deliveries may take place upon request.). Furthermore the Federal Department of Defence conducts every year two international courses for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA).

## Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11, paragraph 2

"Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially 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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Lists of experts and experts agencies

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