

**SIXTH 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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National annual report

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

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

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY	<u>SWITZERLAND</u>
DATE OF SUBMISSION	<u>24 September 2004</u>
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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

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) Depository ... 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

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).

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

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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