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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

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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

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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)

Reporting Formats for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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B ☐

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**Form A        Dissemination of information**

Article 13,  
paragraph 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**

Measures were taken in order to **further** ensure that the relevant authorities in the IDF were aware of the provisions of the Protocol and their implications.

IDF's 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 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 integral parts of the curriculum. Lectures concerning this issue are provided on a regular basis to IDF personnel attending courses including, officers (cadets) course, company commanders course and the IDF Command Academy.

In the process of promoting the awareness and implementation of the APT by Israeli munitions industry, senior industry managers and officials were briefed on the relevant provisions of APT, especially the Technical Annex and on Israel's moratorium obligations.

**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 land maps, which are issued by the Israeli Mapping Center, and which are commercially available, contain clear markings regarding the topographic location of minefields in the traveling area.

All the appropriate information concerning the location of minefield was yielded to the IMC. The IDF/Engineering HQ kept the Israeli Mapping Center (IMC) up to date, as it does every 3 months. Maps available to the public are periodically updated by the IMC. 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.

Further information, regarding minefield locations, is provided by local municipalities to the general population upon land rights and use inquiries.

**Form B            Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 13,            “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
 paragraph 4 (b)    Depository ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

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**Mine clearance programmes**

There were no newly emplaced minefields this year.

IDF Engineering Corps continued to implement their annual program of monitoring and maintaining protection of minefields and suspected areas, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol and pursuant to the appropriate military regulations. In this regard, fences and markings of the minefields were maintained through out the year by EC military units dedicated to this mission.

IDF EC also continued its activities in promoting the project designed to upgrade minefields recording capabilities (using GPS&GIS technologies).

It should be noticed that in the past year there were still many occasions where terrorists used mines, booby traps and other devices such as improvised explosive devices, causing many casualties among Israeli civilians. 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), mainly through underground tunnels, part of which the IDF succeeded in seizing, confiscating and destroying.

**Rehabilitation programmes**

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. There was one reported casualty from entering a fenced and marked minefield.

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 many people from the neighboring countries and the Mediterranean region as a whole.

**Form C                      Technical requirements and relevant information**

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

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**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, defense know how and technology. There are also IDF regulations and orders concerning marking, fencing and monitoring as well as demining and disposing mines, booby-traps and other devices.

**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**

**International cooperation on mine clearance**

Israel continues to consider the issue of international cooperation in the areas of mine clearance, mine awareness and mine victim rehabilitation to be of a 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. 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.

With regard to mined areas in Southern Lebanon, Israel continued its cooperation and coordination, with UNIFIL.

**International co-operation on 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. They also submitted proposals to tenders published by UNDP for assigning demining experts on alert list and for participation in mine clearance programs in Angola, Mozambique and Bosnia.

**Form F**      **Other relevant matters**

Article 13, paragraph 4 (f) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... 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) and kept its implementation under the national export control regulations.

**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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**Means and technologies of mine clearance**

The leading Israeli companies and their demining capabilities and equipment are the following:

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