

**SEVENTH 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 REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

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

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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

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY The Republic of Cyprus

DATE OF SUBMISSION 5 November 2005

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF
CONTACT _____
(Organization, telephones, fax, e-mail)

This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

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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;”

Remark:

High
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Party Cyprus period from 01-10-2004 to 30-9-2005

Mine clearance programmes

During the last three years a number of minefields have been cleared and the land returned to their rightful owners. More than 10,500 antipersonnel mines have been removed and destroyed since last year’s report. In addition to the mine clearance operations carried out by the National Guard an additional programme was set up, through funding of the European Union and in collaboration with the United Nations for the clearance of the minefields found in the Buffer Zone. As from October 2004, a further 1,293 mines antitank mines and 892 antipersonnel mines have been destroyed in 10 minefields, as well as 4 suspect areas were investigated and cleared under this programme.

Rehabilitation programmes

The Republic of Cyprus has already adapted the relevant legislation to the existing relevant laws of the country as regards the provisions needed to be taken for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

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

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and
any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

Remark:

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Contracting reporting for time
Party Cyprus period from 01-10-2004 to 30-9-2005

Technical requirements

The Republic of Cyprus has taken all necessary steps to comply with the protocol’s technical requirements. In that purpose, all minefields within the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party	Cyprus	reporting for time period from	01-10-2004	to	30-9-2005
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Legislation

The Republic of Cyprus has ratified the amended Protocol II and the additional Protocol IV of CCW (11th July 2003) as well as the Ottawa Convention (17th January 2003 and incorporated them in to law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force as from 22nd of January 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) 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

Cyprus is assisting with international information exchange, cooperation and mine clearance through its participating representatives in international seminars and annual conferences held throughout the world every year

International cooperation on mine clearance

Cyprus is working closely with UNMAS and GICHD to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of de-mining. In the case of Cyprus this cooperation has so far been successful through the collaboration of the UN and the Republic of Cyprus.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

NIL

Form F Other relevant matters

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

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Party Cyprus period from 01-10-2004 to 30-9-2005

Other relevant matters

NIL

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 National Guard is trying to keep informed with recent international practices and standards, equipment and methodology as regards mine clearance operations

Lists of experts and experts agencies

For details please contact the point of contact detailed below.

National points of contact on mine clearance

For further details and information please contact:

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