

**FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO
THE 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

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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 CCW

**PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES,
BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES
AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996
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(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)**

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Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13.4.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;"

Remark:

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Information to the armed forces

IDF EC took action to implement APT. Measures were taken in order to further ensure that the relevant military authorities in the IDF were aware of the provisions of the Protocol and their implications.

IDF's instructions and standard 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's Engineering Corps maintains a set of detailed regulations and instructions regarding the management of archive, recording minefields and mined areas. **During the year 2007 the IDF's EC initiated a program of a GPS measuring of minefields, as well as preserving of minefield's history.**

Furthermore, efforts are extended towards the legal education and preparation of commanders, officers and soldiers by the IDF's 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's personnel attending courses including officers (cadets) course, company commanders course and the IDF Command Academy.

During the last year representatives from the MOD and the IDF commenced an initiative to acquaint specific relevant industries with obligations derived from the APT, as part of an outreach program involving the Israeli Defense Industries in this regard..

Israeli Export Control Authority implemented and verified compliance with the moratorium on transfers of APLs.

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, company employees 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 (IMC), and which are commercially available, contain clear markings regarding the topographic location of minefields. **The IMC publishes 19 regional maps that are marked with tracks and paths, covering all the territory open for recreation activities, where all the suspected and known minefields are thoroughly marked.**

All the appropriate information concerning the location of minefields was provided to the IMC. The IDF/Engineering HQ provides updates to the IMC. 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.

Israel MoD, via its website on the Internet and in writing, provided Israeli Defense Industry and other arms manufacturers and exporters with the relevant instructions of the APT, especially the restrictions on the production of mines as are indicated in the Technical Annex and the prohibitions undertaken in the unilateral Moratorium on any exports, sales or transfers of APLs.

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programs

Article 13.4.b "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs;"

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Mine clearance program

There were no newly emplaced minefields this year.

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

IDF EC also continued its activities in promoting the project of improving the capabilities in recording precisely minefields (GPS&GIS) and building an accurate archive of manually emplaced minefields.

On November 2005 a civil company – "MAAVARIM EC" cleared a minefield of 2,000 square meters in proximity to Koah junction and during March 2006 it cleared an area in Ramat Hovav from ERWs. (<http://maic.jmu.edu/journal/10.1/notes/tefefus/tefefus.htm>).

Rehabilitation programs

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.

Main Israeli Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centers responsible for facilitating comprehensive rehabilitation programs are: the “Tel-Hashomer” (“Shiba”), "Reut" and “Loewenstein” in Tel-Aviv, “Rambam” and “Bnei Zion” in Haifa.

Additionally, Israel has 6 laboratories 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 13.4.c "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the 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. The inspection and maintenance of the fences and markings of the mined areas was conducted this year as appropriate.

Any other relevant information

Form D**Legislation**

Article 13.4.d "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:
(b) 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. The legislation is clearly published at the MOD Export Control website: <http://www.exportctrl.mod.gov.il>. There are also IDF regulations and orders concerning marking, fencing and monitoring as well as demining and disposing mines, booby-traps and other devices. The laws and regulations are clearly published at the MOD Export Control site: <http://www.exportctrl.mod.gov.il>

Moreover, a new and comprehensive Defense Export Control Act was enacted by the Knesset this year and made public (see MOD Export Control website mentioned above) . This Act will enter into force on 31/12/07. It criminalizes, inter alia, any violation of the export without an export license or contrary to its provisions. This Act serves as Israel's statutory framework for the implementation of its obligations under the CCW regarding restrictions and prohibitions on transfer and the Moratorium on any sales of APL's.

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

Article 13.4.e "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ...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.

There is an on going cooperation and **coordination** with neighboring countries in support of the demining activities along the mutual borders, as feasible and appropriate (such as in the areas near Eilat and Naharaim).

During the last year the State of Israel has conducted a mine-clearing course in cooperation with Vietnam.

Israel continues its cooperation and coordination, with UNIFIL It delivered the UN forces information concerning the status of the old mine areas in the southern Lebanon' including the relevant field maps and information on mines and other devices emplaced by the Hezbollah terror organization. Furthermore some of the forces that were recently deployed to Lebanon went through short course delivered by the IDF EC on demining, and clearance of ERWs including mines and other devices.

Technical cooperation and assistance

Israeli companies have achieved technical expertise in the field of mine clearance and they contribute to the international mine clearing efforts.

As an example, Israeli private company Maavarim C.E LTD, participated in mine clearance programs in Croatia, and responded to international bids for mine clearance projects in Taiwan, Nigeria, Angola and Chad. 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 13.4.f "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(e) other relevant matters.

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Other relevant matters

In 1994 Israel unilaterally declared a moratorium on any export, sales or transfers 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 and then until 2005 and 2008.

The Israeli Export Control Authority strictly implements and verifies compliance with the Moratorium.

Unfortunately there were still ongoing covert activities conducted by terrorist groups to smuggle and accumulate weapons and explosives, mainly through underground tunnels and via sea lanes. The IDF is cooperating with its neighboring countries, as well as with other countries in the Mediterranean and beyond to prevent the illicit trafficking and to dispose the seized arms, and detect and destroy the underground tunnels.

Form G

Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11 para 2

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on 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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Means and technologies of mine clearance

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