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AUSTRALIA

National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 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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### Summary sheet

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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

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□ YES

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□ Partially, only the following forms:

A □  B □  C □  D □  E □  F □  G □
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;”

Remark:

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Information to the armed forces

A Training Information Bulletin (TIB), NO. 86, 'Conventions on the use of Landmines: A Commander's Guide' was prepared and promulgated in October 1999, within the Australian Defence Force. The document provides Commanders and staff with an interpretation of revised policy on landmines, booby traps and improvised explosive devices and its application to military operations, following the entry into force of international instruments such as Amended Protocol II and the Ottawa Convention.
Information on the Australian Government's landmines policy, including references to Amended Protocol II, is disseminated to the civilian population through:

- Ministerial press releases.
- Numerous media interviews and speaking engagements conducted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who is also Australia's Special Representative on Mine Action.
- Regular meetings of the National Consultative Committee on Peace and Disarmament in which Government officials and community members exchange views on peace and disarmament issues, including landmines.
Form B  Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

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Current and recently completed mine clearance programmes

- Afghanistan – Contributions to UNMAPA
- Afghanistan – Contributions to UNMAS
- Burma – Landmines Workshop (MAG)
- Cambodia - Contributions to Cambodia Mine Action Centre (CMAC)
- Cambodia – Integrated Mine Action in Otdar Meanchey
- Cambodia – Banan Mine Action (NGO)
- Cambodia - Integrated Development and Demining Project (NGO)
- Cambodia – Integrated Mine Action Program (IMAP)
- Iraq – Contributions to Mine Survey and Risk Assessment (UNMAS)
- Iraq – Mine Awareness Training (NGO)
- Laos – Contributions to UXO Clearance Operations (UNDP)
- Sri Lanka – UNDP Mine Impact Survey (UNDP)
- Vietnam – Integrated Mine Action Program (NGO)

Current and recently completed rehabilitation programmes

- Cambodia – Victims Assistance (Australian Red Cross)
- Cambodia – Landmine Victim Assistance Fund
- Laos - UXO safety activities for children (NGO)
- Global - UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS)
- Global – Research into Mine Victim Assistance
**Form C**

**Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13, paragraph 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**

Australia does not have minefields, or produce or deploy munitions which fall under the technical requirements of this Protocol.

**Any other relevant information**

Australian Defence Force doctrine specifically promulgates compliance with Australia’s obligations under this Protocol, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons generally and the Ottawa Convention.
Form D  |  Legislation
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Article 13, paragraph 4 (d)  | “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

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Legislation

It is the Australian Government's policy to enact national legislation ratifying international instruments only where existing national legislation is insufficient to meet the international obligations contained in the international instruments concerned.

Australia has not enacted specific legislation to implement Amended Protocol II, as existing legislation sufficiently covered the Protocol's provisions.

[It should be noted that Australia has enacted legislation - the Anti-Personnel Mines Convention Act 1998 - to implement the Ottawa Convention. Section 8 of the Act makes it an offence to place, possess, develop, produce, acquire, stockpile, move or transfer anti-personnel mines.]
Form E

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

Article 13, paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... 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

Australia attended a number of meetings to promote technical information exchange on landmine issues: the Ottawa Convention intersessional meetings in February 2004 and June 2004 on: Mine Clearance; Mine Awareness and Mine Action Technologies; Victim Assistance and Socio-economic Reintegration; Stockpile Destruction; and, the General Status and Operation of the Convention; a Workshop on Humanitarian Mine/UXO Clearance Technology and Cooperation in Kunming (26-28 April); a regional workshop on Development Challenges of Mine Clearance and Victim Assistance in South East Asia in Bangkok (29 August – 1 September); the Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II of the CCW in Geneva (November 2003); and the Annual Meeting of States Parties of the CCW in Geneva (November 2003).

International cooperation on mine clearance

Australia provides an annual contribution to UNMAS for its coordination role. In countries where Australia is a major donor to mine action, for example Cambodia and Laos, Australia is a member of various committees that focus on donor cooperation and coordination. Australia participates actively in meetings of the New York-based Mine Action Support Group which helps to coordinate international responses to mine action issues. International cooperation on mine clearance has been identified as a high priority in Australia's mine action strategy.
International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Australian civilians provide training and organisational support to Cambodia's mine action program.

Australia has also placed one expert Australian within the UNMAS mine action coordination team for Iraq.
### Form F

#### Other relevant matters

Article 13, paragraph 4 (f)

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(f) other relevant matters.”

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**Other relevant matters**
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

Within the Australian Department of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Combined Arms Training Centre are developing new methods of clearing mines. Completion of this research will take a number of years. DSTO is undertaking work in a number of areas covering mine detection and clearance, including background mine detection research and evaluation of route mine clearance systems, including its own Capability Technology Demonstrator (CTD) multi-sensor system.

Australian private enterprise, with Government support, is also involved in developing new technologies for mine clearance to speed up the rate at which mines are removed from the ground. A new type of detector invented and produced by an Australian company, Minelab Electronics, used in UN demining operations in Cambodia, Laos and elsewhere, has been funded through the Australian Government's aid program. Minelab Electronics has also provided the metal detector component of the US dual sensor hand-held stand-off mine detector (HSTAMIDS), being sold by Cyterra. A metal detector array based on the same technology was developed for the DSTO CTD and is now in use with a US humanitarian mine clearance vehicle program being run through Applied Research Associates, Inc.

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