THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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 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)

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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 ensure on a regular basis 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 violation of such instructions may result in an IDF investigation and possible disciplinary or penal procedures, as appropriate.

The IDF Engineering Corps maintain a set of detailed regulations and instructions regarding the management of an 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.

**The MOD has initiated outreach activities for the purpose of increasing the Israeli defense industry’s awareness to the provisions of APT, especially those of the Technical Annex.**

Compliance with the moratorium (see also FORM F) on transfers of APLs is constantly monitored by export control authorities. Export control authorities in the MOD are currently in the process of disseminating an updated new manual on Arms Sales Export Control procedures to be used by the producers and exporters and which includes specific reference relating to the restrictions and prohibitions of the APT.
Information to the civilian population

Information to the general population, regarding Israel’s status vis-à-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.

All the appropriate information concerning the location of minefields was provided to the Israeli Mapping Center (IMC). The IDF/Engineering Corps HQ provides the IMC with regular updates 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, 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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**Mine clearance programmes**

There were no newly emplaced minefields this year.

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

IDF EC also continued its activities in promoting the project of improving minefield recording capabilities (GPS&GIS).

It should be noted that in the past year there were many occasions where terrorists used improvised explosive devices causing many casualties among Israeli civilians. Israel is cooperating with its neighbours to prevent the illicit trafficking of arms and to detect and destroy underground tunnels used for this purpose.

In the northern part of the Jordan Valley (near road no. 90) flood swept mines that blocked the river and a program was established to clear the area. MOD and IDF together with Jordan River Drainage Authority entered the project of clearing the area (at a cost of 5 M INS). The area has been cleared and checked as appropriate.

**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.
Main Israeli Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centers responsible for facilitating comprehensive rehabilitation programs are: the “Tel-Hashomer” (“Shiba”) 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, 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

Compliance, with the technical requirements of the Protocol, was verified prior and throughout Israel’s ratification process. After the ratification, and in order to ensure 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 fences and markings of mined areas were conducted this year as appropriate.

Any other relevant information

In its special facility for ammunition disposal the IDF destroyed 15,510 mines in 2005.
Form D Legislation

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

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.

In Israel, the IDF serves as the competent authority to declare a demined area as “clear for civilian use”. Inter-agency staff-work has been initiated for the purpose of establishing procedures to enable clearance by civilian demining companies which will comply with appropriate mine-clearing standards.
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;”

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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. Just before the outbreak of the hostilities in 2000, MAG organization initiated a mine clearance project, together with Israeli demining company, to clear a minefield in the West Bank near Beith Lechem (Hussan Village). It was postponed until the end of the hostilities. 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.

In July of this year the Israeli Government decided to extended its unilateral moratorium on export, sales or other transfers of anti personnel land mines for an additional period of three years (until July 2008).
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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