

**NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
HIGH CONTRACTING 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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Item 10 of the provisional agenda

**Consideration of matters arising from
reports by High Contracting Parties
according to paragraph 4 of Article 13
of the Amended Protocol II**

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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

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	REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
DATE OF SUBMISSION	<u>21 September 2007</u>
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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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Summary sheet

(Pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of the Final Report, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2)

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2006 to 31/12/2006

Form A: Dissemination of information:	changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed unchanged
Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:	changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form D: Legislation:	changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2004)
Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:	changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
Form F: Other relevant matters:	changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2004)
Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:	changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2003)

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

High
Contracting reporting for time
Party SLOVENIA period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006

Mine clearance programmes

Slovenia is not a mine-affected country.

Rehabilitation programmes

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:

High Contracting Party	REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	reporting for time period from	<u>1 January 2006</u>	to	<u>31 December 2006</u>
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International technical information exchange

International cooperation on mine clearance

The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) is a non profit, humanitarian organisation founded by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in March 1998, originally to help Bosnia and Herzegovina and later also other mine-affected countries in South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia). At the request of its donors, the ITF began to spread activities towards Cyprus, Afghanistan and the Transcaucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia); however, its operations are currently focused on South-Eastern Europe. At the same time, the ITF, being aware of its know-how and skills in the field of mine action, is willing to consolidate its operations in the Transcaucasus and expand them to other mine polluted regions, such as Central Asia and Africa.

ITF’s mission is to raise donor funds, and finance and implement mine action programmes and projects in mine-affected countries within the scope of humanitarian and development assistance. ITF’s goal is to free South-Eastern European countries from the impact of mines by the end of 2009, and to actively contribute to the final resolving of this problem also in other mine-affected regions.

Thus far, the ITF has contributed significantly to the resolution of mine problem, as it carried out over 1, 720 mine action projects. The ITF cleared over 7 6 million square meters of mine-polluted areas in South-Eastern Europe, and contributed to physical rehabilitation of over 9 60 mine victims, which equals 15 per cent of all surviving victims in South-Eastern Europe. Over 80,000 children and adults from mine-affected communities participated in programmes of

raising awareness of the mine problem. The ITF educated over 700 experts in the field of humanitarian demining, rehabilitation and mine action management, and supported activities of national mine action centres in all mine-affected countries of South-Eastern Europe; all this facilitates and improves the effectiveness in dealing with the problem.

From the very beginning, the ITF has supported regional approach to mine action in South Eastern Europe – being one of the founding members of the South-Eastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC), and supporter of the Regional Mine Detection Dog Centre in Konjic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), the Regional Centre for Underwater Demining in Bijela (Montenegro) and the Geographic Information System for South-Eastern Europe.

Since 1998, over 100 donors, including 26 States, the European Commission and the UNDP, numerous local communities, organisations, companies and individuals have entrusted almost USD 230 million to the ITF. The matching fund mechanism ensures that every US dollar raised by the ITF is matched by an additional dollar provided by the US Government. The mechanism proved exceptionally efficient as a method of raising donor funds for humanitarian purposes.

International cooperation on technical cooperation and assistance
