PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITION 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
INDISCERNIMATE EFFECTS
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)
(Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2)

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY
CYPRUS

DATE OF SUBMISSION
____JUNE 2020

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF CONTACT

This information can be made available to all interested parties and entries:

☐ YES

☐ NO

Partially only the following forms:

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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**

The Appropriate doctrine, all operational and training publications, as well as courses used in the armed forces of the Republic of Cyprus have been revised accordingly, in order to incorporate the requirements that emerged from the Amended Protocol II. The National Guard has informed accordingly, all personnel regarding the provisions set by the CCW and the Ottawa Convention, through a series of workshops designed to inform them on the new provisions.

**Information to the civilian population**

The civilian population of the island is informed through a series of training programs, designed and implemented by the Civil Defence Authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
Form B

Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13 / 4 / b

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository….on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

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| All demining operations were completed by National Guard Engineers before the 31st of July 2013, which was the set deadline for the implementation of the provisions of the OTTAWA convention. In total, by the 1st of July 2013, the Republic of Cyprus had effectively removed and destroyed 4,318 antipersonnel mines from 18 National Guard minefields. In conclusion, all the obligations of Cyprus deriving from the Ottawa Convention, in the areas under the effective control of the Republic were successfully met by the 1st of July 2013. In addition to the mine clearance operations carried out by the National Guard, another programme was successfully completed on the 20th of January 2011, which concerned the clearance of minefields located in the Buffer Zone. This program was initially funded by the European Union, in collaboration with the United Nations, and was named “Partnership for the Future”. However, one minefield laid by the Turkish occupational forces in the Buffer Zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia, still remains to be cleared.

The only other mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Cyprus are located in the areas north of the buffer zone, which are occupied by the Turkish Armed Forces. As reported within the request submitted by Cyprus for an extension of the deadline to fulfill its obligations under Article 5.1 (a request which was approved by the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties), 21 minefields (one of them is situated within the buffer zone, in the vicinity of the village Deryneia) laid by Turkey’s occupation forces are known not yet to be cleared of anti-personnel mines. These are overwhelmingly situated adjacent to the buffer zone. Precise information on their size, composition (whether they include mines other than anti-personnel mines) and on how much land can be safely treated as arable when these mines have been cleared is unknown.

Furthermore, before and during the invasion of 1974, the National Guard laid 28 minefields north of Nicosia towards the Pentadaktylos mountain range, which are located today in the Turkish occupied areas. The latter minefields included 1006 anti-personnel mines. The Republic of Cyprus gave the technical details of these 28 minefields to the UNFICYP in May 2015. Concerning these minefields, UNFICYP initially informed the Republic of Cyprus that only 3 required further technical surveys, whilst according to the latest assessment of UNMAS, these minefields are now accepted as free from Explosive Hazards.

The Government of Cyprus does not possess any further information, regarding the progress in the clearance of mined areas under the control of the Turkish occupational forces. Mine clearance in the occupied part of the Republic involves the legal responsibility of Turkey as a State Party to the Ottawa Convention and to the CCW and its Protocols.
Rehabilitation programmes
The Republic of Cyprus has already adopted the relevant legislation and laws, regarding the provisions required for the allocation of indemnities to mine victims.

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Technical requirements
The Republic of Cyprus has taken all the necessary steps to comply with the protocol’s technical requirements. For this purpose, all minefields within the areas under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus have been adequately signposted and fenced.

Any other relevant information
Form D

Legislation

Article 13 / 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

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 into law.

The 2 Protocols have entered into force from the 22nd of January 2004.
**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 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**

Cyprus achieves international information exchange on mine clearance issues, through the participation of its representatives in international seminars and annual conferences held worldwide.

**International Cooperation on Mine Clearance**

Cyprus is closely collaborating with United Nations Mines Action Service and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, so as to facilitate international technical coordination in the field of demining. This cooperation has so far been successful, through the cooperation of the United Nations and the Republic of Cyprus.

**Technical cooperation and assistance**

NIL
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Other relevant matters

Article 13 / 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

NIL
### Form G

**Information to the UN-Database on mine clearance**

**Article 13 / 4 / g**

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary… on:

(g) Information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance;

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The National Guard strives to keep informed on international practices and standards, equipment and methodologies, as regards modern mine clearance operations and technologies.

#### Lists of experts and expert agencies

For details please contact the point of contact listed below.

#### National points of contact on mine clearance

For further details and information please contact:

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