

25th Annual Conference of High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of the amended Protocol

ISU Presentation on APII NARs

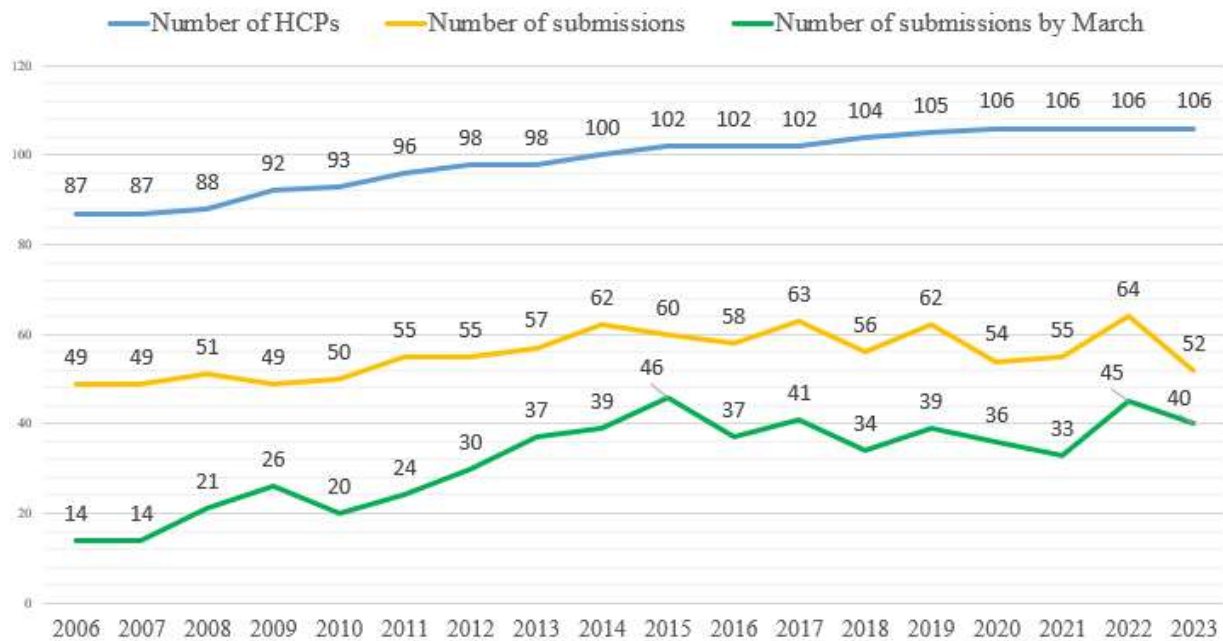
As of 31 August 2023, 52 National Annual Reports covering the 12-month period from January to December 2022 were submitted. Since then, 2 more reports were submitted.

Though the official deadline for the submission of compliance reports was set¹ to 31 March of each calendar year, the Implementation Support Unit receives national annual reports all year around. High Contracting Parties who have not yet done so are strongly encouraged to submit their reports.

We would like to share with you a few figures relating to the submission of Amended Protocol II national annual reports from 2006 to the present.

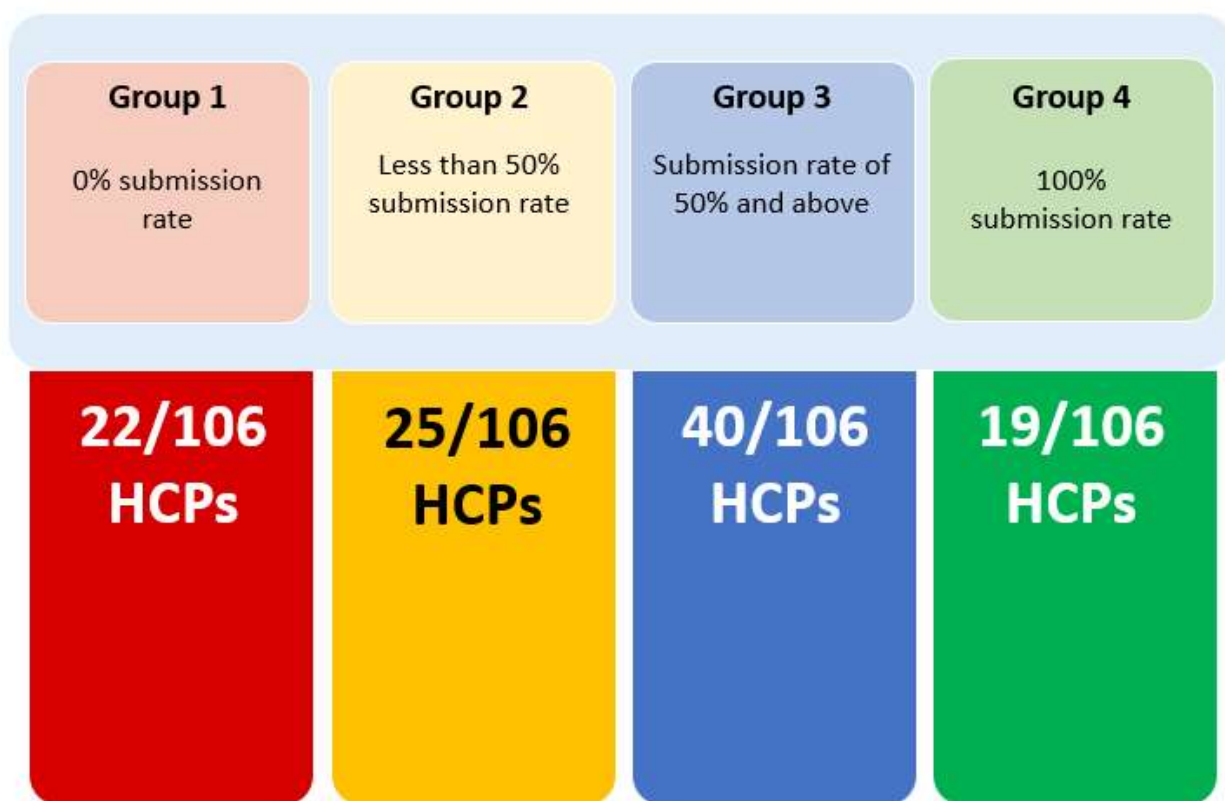
¹ By the Fourth Review Conference, Final Document of the Fourth Review Conference, Part II Final Declaration, Annex III, para. 3 (CCW/CONF.IV/4/Add.1, 15 December 2011).

Amended Protocol II National Annual Report Submission Status since January 2006



Since January 2006, the ISU has received a total of 1,001 national annual reports. The average annual submission rate is 55% of all High Contracting Parties at any given time.

As you may see in this slide, the submission number reached its peak in 2022 with 64 submissions, amounting to 60% of High Contracting Parties. This year, the number of submissions decreased by approximately 10% from the previous year.



Based on the number of national annual report submissions since the year they became parties to the Protocol, High Contracting Parties may be categorized in the following four groups:

1. High Contracting Parties with a 0% submission rate;
2. Those with a submission rate lower than 50%;
3. Those with a submission rate of 50% and above; and
4. Those with a 100% submission rate.

In the first group, twenty-two out of 106 High Contracting Parties have never submitted their Amended Protocol II National Annual Reports.

There are 25 High Contracting Parties with a submission rate of below 50%.

There are 40 High Contracting Parties with a submission rate of 50% and above.

And nineteen High Contracting Parties have been submitting their national annual reports every year.

Form A: Dissemination of information

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information

Form D: Legislation

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

Form F: Other relevant matters

Form G: Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

In the most recently submitted reports, High Contracting Parties have provided information on their implementation efforts, including on the following:

- The various approaches to increase awareness of the dangers of landmines.
- The manner in which information on international humanitarian law and the CCW is provided through education programs, e-learning courses, public libraries, and websites.
- Progress in clearing mines and funding of clearance programmes in other countries.
- Challenges to providing rehabilitation for mine victims and collaboration with international and non-governmental organizations to enhance victim assistance.
- ERW destruction work in 2022 and information on manuals for conducting humanitarian demining operations, including national demining procedures.
- Regular exchanges of technical information and involvement in projects with non-governmental organizations, international organizations, and donor countries.
- Provision of equipment, financial support, and mine clearance teams for demining missions in other countries.
- Technical assistance provided by international organizations in their countries and the significance of international cooperation and assistance in implementing humanitarian demining activities.
- A wide range of information on clearance capacities and means and technologies available for detection and clearance, among others.

This year, the Implementation Support Unit has also prepared an informal note on Amended Protocol II National Annual Reports Analysis, which offers more detailed quantitative and qualitative trends related to the submission of the reports and which can be found on the webpage of this meeting as a conference room paper. We hope that you will find this information useful.

We reiterate the Implementation Support Unit's readiness to support High Contracting Parties in preparing and submitting the reports.
