

XXVII: Excessively injurious conventional weapons

Participant	Signature	Ratification, acceptance (A), approval (AA), accession (a), succession (d)	Acceptance pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4 ¹		
			Protocols		
			I	II	III
Nicaragua	20 May 1981				
Niger		10 Nov 1992 a	x	x	x
Nigeria	26 Jan 1982				
Norway	10 Apr 1981	7 Jun 1983	x	x	x
Pakistan	26 Jan 1982	1 Apr 1985	x	x	x
Philippines	15 May 1981				
Poland	10 Apr 1981	2 Jun 1983	x	x	x
Portugal	10 Apr 1981				
Romania	8 Apr 1982				
Russian Federation	10 Apr 1981	10 Jun 1982	x	x	x
Sierra Leone	1 May 1981				
Slovakia ²		28 May 1993 d	x	x	x
Slovenia		6 Jul 1992 d	x	x	x
Spain	10 Apr 1981	29 Dec 1993	x	x	x
Sudan	10 Apr 1981				
Sweden	10 Apr 1981	7 Jul 1982	x	x	x
Switzerland	18 Jun 1981	20 Aug 1982	x	x	x
Togo	15 Sep 1981				
Tunisia		15 May 1987 a	x	x	x
Turkey	26 Mar 1982				
Ukraine	10 Apr 1981	23 Jun 1982	x	x	x
United Kingdom	10 Apr 1981				
United States of America	8 Apr 1982				
Uruguay		6 Oct 1994 a	x	x	x
Viet Nam	10 Apr 1981				
Yugoslavia	5 May 1981	24 May 1983	x	x	x

Declarations and Reservations

(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession.)

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Declarations:

1. It is the understanding of the Government of Canada that:
 - (a) The compliance of commanders and others responsible for planning, deciding upon, or executing attacks to which the Convention and its Protocols apply cannot be judged on the basis of information which subsequently comes to light but must be assessed on the basis of the information available to them at the time that such actions were taken; and
 - (b) Where terms are not defined in the present Convention and its Protocols they shall, so far as is relevant, be construed in the same sense as terms contained in additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of August 1st, 1949.
2. With respect to Protocol I, it is the understanding of the Government of Canada that the use of plastics or similar materials for detonators or other weapons parts not designed to cause injury is not prohibited.

3. With respect to Protocol II, it is the understanding of the Government of Canada that:

- (a) Any obligation to record the location of remotely delivered mines pursuant to sub-paragraph 1 (a) of article 5 refers to the location of mine fields and not to the location of individual remotely delivered mines;
- (b) The term 'pre-planned', as used in sub-paragraph 1 (a) of article 7 means that the position of the minefield in question should have been determined in advance so that an accurate record of the location of the minefield, when laid, can be made;
- (c) The phrase 'similar functions' used in article 8, includes the concepts of 'peace-making, preventive peace-keeping and peace enforcement' as defined in an agenda for peace (United Nations document A/47/277 S/2411 of 17 June 1992).

4. With respect to Protocol III, it is the understanding of the Government of Canada that the expression 'clearly separated' in paragraph 3 of article 2 includes both spatial separation or