VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and other international organisations presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva and has the honour to send herewith Finland’s CCW compliance reports for AP II, Protocol V and Compliance Mechanism.

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and other international organisations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva assurance of its highest consideration.

26 March, 2013

Appendices: Humanitarian Mine Action year 2012
CCW Protocol V
CCW AP II
Humanitarian Mine Action Specification 2012
CCW Compliance Mechanism

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva
pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: FINLAND

PARTY TO:
- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
- Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2013

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

\[\text{NO}\]

\[\text{Partially, only the following forms: A B C D E}\]

\(\text{NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.}\)

\(^1\) Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period:  from  31/3/2012 [dd/mm/yyyy] to  31/3/2013 [dd/mm/yyyy]

Form A: Dissemination of information:  ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:  ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form C: Legislation:  ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:  ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form E: Other relevant matters:  ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
(last reporting year:)

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/03/2012 to 31/03/2013

☒ additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2013

☒ additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

- Basic training material on the CCW Convention and its protocols and their humanitarian nature has been produced and delivered to the troops.
- The Finnish Defence Forces has published instructions and operating procedures concerning protocol V on December 2009. More detailed instructions and operating procedures concerning the use of mines has been published during year 2012.

Humanitarian law

During their military service conscripts are given some training in humanitarian law including the Convention and its annexed Protocols. In addition, they are often dealt with in exercises in one form or another.

Cadets receive additional training in humanitarian law including the Convention and its annexed Protocols at the National Defence University. In addition, the employees – both military and civilian – of the Finnish Defence Forces have the possibility to attend a two-day-course in humanitarian law organized by the Finnish Red Cross. Approximately 30 to 40 officers and other employees of the Defence Forces attend these courses organized twice a year. Every year several employees of the Defence Forces, either officers or legal advisors, also attend the International Military Courses on the Law of Armed Conflict organized by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy. Both courses feature also the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

Among other activities, Finland as the Presidency of the European Union released a Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on November 13, 2006 on the entry into force of the Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War.
Any other relevant information:

The National Coordination Group of Small Arms Experts includes representatives of the ministries involved with arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons and the representatives of national non-governmental organisations tackling with the issues. The group discusses inter alia the Finnish policy concerning conventional weapons, implementation of the national, regional and global provisions and regulations. The group meets regularly under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and it has representatives from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Trade and Industry. The representatives from other authorities (custom, border control etc.) are invited to participate whenever necessary. Also non-governmental organisations are invited regularly.
FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/3/2012 to 31/3/2013

additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

• Regarding protocols I, III and IV, all technical adjustments, if any, were made in the 1980’s and 1990’s.
• The instructions and operating procedures required by the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) have published within the Defence Forces in such a way that the requirements will be fully included in the materiel development, courses of action and training of the Army.
• The requirements of ERW will also be taken into consideration in future material procurement. Equipment for marking system of the dangerous area have developed using requirements of the International Mine Action Standards. The procurements will be carried out during the year 2012.

Any other relevant information:
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/3/2012 to 31/3/2013

Additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year

Additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

The Convention and its Protocols I-III have been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (874/1983) on 2 December 1983.

Protocol IV has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (434/1998) on 30 July 1998.

Amended Protocol II has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (851/1998) on 3 December 1998.

The amended Convention has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (770/2004) on 22 December 2004.

Protocol V has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (945/2006) on 12 November 2006.

The Penal Code has been amended by an Act (212/2008) and it has entered into force on 1 May 2008.

The Decree of the Ministry of Defence on Military Explosives (772/2009) was issued on the basis of paragraphs 3 and 4, Section 3, of the Act on Safety in the Handling of Dangerous Chemicals and Explosives (390/2005). The Decree entered into force on 1 November 2009.

Finland has ratified the Ottawa Mine Ban Convention in November 2011. The Convention has entered into force on July 1 2012. National legislation, i.e. the Criminal Code and the Coercive Measures Act, has been amended in dance with Article 9 of the Convention. The amendments (legislative acts 1466/2011 and 1467/2011) have entered into force on 1 July 2012.

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:
The Decree of the Ministry of Defence on Military Explosives (772/2009) concerns both explosives meant for military activities that are in the possession of the Finnish Defence Forces and those in the possession of the Border Guard.
FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/3/2012 to 31/3/2013

☐ additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 

☒ additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2013

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

• The Finnish Defence Forces have acquired Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) software from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian De-mining (GICHD).
• IMSMA was introduced in operational use during year 2010.

International technical assistance:

Any other relevant information:
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/3/2012 to 31/3/2013

☐ additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

☐ additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Other relevant matters:

• Finland has fulfilled the obligations specified in protocol V (ERW).