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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 APII, 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 APII
Humanitarian Mine Action Specification 2012
CCW Compliance Mechanism

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva

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)

Summary sheet

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2,
pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document,
CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: 03/2012 to 03/2013

- Form A:** Dissemination of information: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: **x changed**
 unchanged (last reporting: 2012)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form D:** Legislation: **x changed**
 unchanged (last reporting 2012)
- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2012)
- Form F:** Other relevant matters: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

Mine clearance programme incl. rehabilitation

Since 1991, Finland has taken part in humanitarian mine action in countries with the highest number of accidents caused by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). Finland's support is based on a holistic approach. This includes mine detection and clearance; assistance in the care, rehabilitation as well as social and economic integration of mine victims; and the support to mine awareness projects, including Mine Risk Education. The Agencies through which Finnish support is channeled – most of them long-term partnerships – have been chosen in a way that their competencies and specialization complement one another to meet the different objectives. Finland supports countries with land mine problems through the UN as well as through Finnish and international NGOs and Trust Funds. Finland also takes part in EU humanitarian landmine activities through its contributions to the Community Budget.

Finland participates in donor coordination through the Mine Action Support Group (MASG) at the HQ and Embassy levels. In addition, Finland provides core support to the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

Humanitarian mine action is funded from the development cooperation budget. In 2011, the total budget for humanitarian mine action was 5,3 MEUR. Finland's support was channeled to six countries (Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola, Chad, Somalia and Iraq) through five partner organizations (HALO Trust, UNMAS, GICHD, Finnish Red Cross/ICRC and FinnChurchAid). UNMAS and GICHD received also core support. The budget for 2012 was 5,5 million euro. The support was channeled to the same six countries using the same five organizations. Please see Appendix 3 and 4 regarding the organizations and the geographical allocations.

The Government of Finland's HMA support is coordinated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Department for Development Policy – the Unit for Humanitarian Assistance. HMA funds come from the so-called “thematic budget line” which is separate from the humanitarian aid budget line. Funding is channeled to ODA eligible countries. It is based on multiannual Framework Agreements with the partner organizations in order to ensure predictability of funding.

Taken into account the role HMA plays in transition, as part of longer-term rehabilitation and development efforts, but also in facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid in some countries, Finnish HMA work is guided by the international principles of Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Action Plan, and the Good Humanitarian Donorship principles.

The policy foundation is set in Finland's new Development Policy of 2012. The approach and objectives are further defined in the revised Humanitarian Assistance Policy of 2013. Finnish HMA funding and approach reflect also broader foreign policy objectives.

Compared with the situation in 2009, an in-house review on Finnish HMA funding was carried out, the recommendations of which included a “roadmap” outlining future actions. There were no major policy changes, but the review led to a further rationalization of the administration of the humanitarian mine action portfolio, including a move to multiannual framework agreements with the partner organizations (instead of project specific contracts) as well as focusing the funding to a smaller number of credible and experienced partners.

During year 2012, the Finnish Defence Forces (FDF) has conducted more than 280 EOD cases in Finland. The most of cases have been clearance of ERWs, but there has also been some land and sea mine clearances.

Form D Legislation

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting FINLAND reporting for time March 2012 March
Party _____ period from _____ to 2013

Legislation

The Act on Safety in the Handling of Dangerous Chemicals and Explosives (390/2005) entered into force on 1 July 2005. The Act is also applied in the activity of the Finnish Defence Forces unless otherwise provided in this Act. According to paragraph 7, section 6 of the Act, an explosive means "an explosive and an article or equipment containing an explosive compound as well as other material, article or equipment that has been made to produce an explosion or a pyrotechnical phenomenon". Thus it covers the mines, traps and other ordnance meant in the Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions on Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices. Included in the Act are i.a. provisions on the general principles on safety and on the use of explosives.

The Penal Code has been amended in 2008 (Act 11 March 2008/212). The changed Chapter of the Penal Code, Chapter 11, concerns war crimes and crimes against humanity. The amended Act has entered into force on 1 May 2008. The Act also includes provisions on the responsibility of a superior and separately a provision on the negligence of notification as well as a provision on the order of a superior as a factor for acquittal from criminal responsibility. The Act's connection to the CCW Convention is acknowledging the possibility that the crimes mentioned in the Act would be committed by using mines, booby-traps or other devices stipulated in the Protocol II of the CCW Convention.

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. The Decree 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.

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

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	FINLAND	reporting for time period from	March 2012	March	to	2013
		_____	_____	_____		_____

<p><u>International technical information exchange</u></p> <p>Finland has participated in meetings of the Standing Committee of Experts on Mine Action in Geneva.</p> <p>Finland has participated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the meeting of experts under CCW AP II
<p><u>International cooperation on mine clearance</u></p> <p>Finland stands ready to offer expertise related to technical humanitarian demining to international organisations and field operations on a case by case basis.</p>
<p><u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u></p>

Appendix 1

Means and technologies of mine clearance

THE FINNISH HUMANITARIAN DEMINING EXPERTISE

Finland established in June 1997 a humanitarian standby demining capacity as well as focused training for overseas operations or missions. In 2003 Finland agreed on an interagency guidelines paper, which provides the basic principles for the Finnish participation in humanitarian mine action operations. In accordance with the guidelines, Finland stands ready to provide expertise to international organisations as well as operations regarding humanitarian demining. In particular the personnel with technical demining expertise will be available.

The key personnel consists mainly of experienced retired engineer officers, NCO's and specialists from the reserve. They will have further education to increase their expertise to train different humanitarian mine action functions to locally selected personnel (mine awareness, quality assurance, mine survey, mine detection, UXO-team, mine clearance (mechanical/manual) and medical first aid).

The Defence Command is responsible of the implementation of the humanitarian demining training and the Engineer Regiment is the focal point at the practical level.

Appendix 2

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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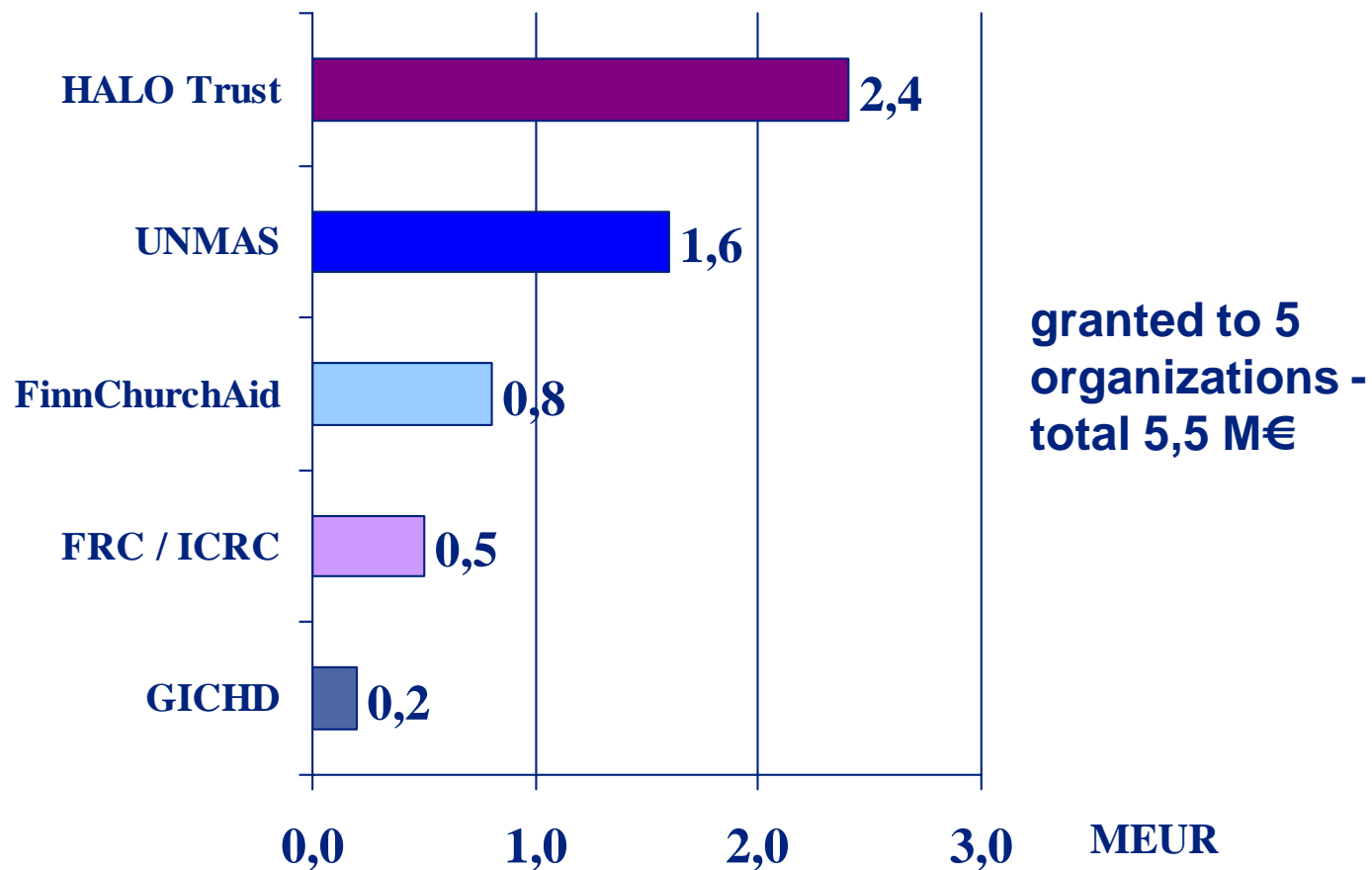
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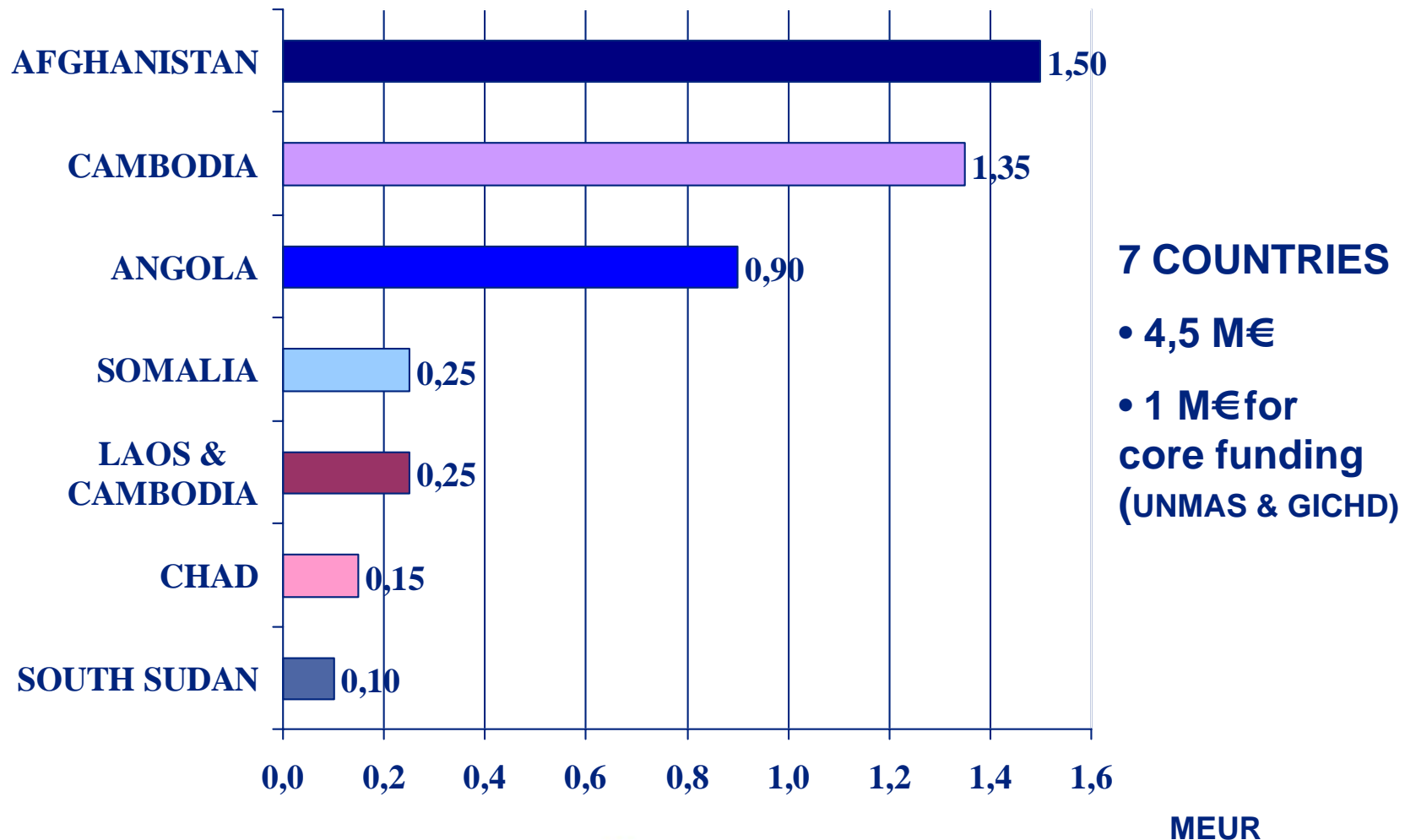
**HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION YEAR 2012
BY ORGANIZATION / 23.7.2012**

ORGANI- ZATION	COUNTRY / REGION	AID ALLOC. EUR	ORGANI- ZATION TOTAL	DATE OF PAYMENT	AID SECTOR
GICHD	Core funding	200,000	200,000	23/07/2012	Core funding to GICHD
FinnChurchAid	Angola	450,000	800,000	23/05/2012	Assistance to victims
FinnChurchAid	Cambodia	350,000		23/05/2012	Assistance to victims
FRC/ICRC	Chad	150,000	500,000	26/06/2012	Assistance to victims
	Laos & Cambodia	250,000		26/06/2012	Demining, assistance to victims, mine risk education, local capacity building
	South Sudan	100,000		26/06/2012	Assistance to victims
HALO Trust	Afghanistan	700,000	2,400,000	14/03/2012	Demining
HALO Trust	Angola	450,000		14/03/2012	Demining
HALO Trust	Cambodia	1,000,000		14/03/2012	Demining
HALO Trust	Somalia	250,000		14/03/2012	Demining
UNMAS	Afghanistan	800,000	1,600,000	21/05/2012	Local capacity building & coordin.support to Afg.
UNMAS	Core funding	800,000		29/02/2012	Core funding to UNMAS
	ALLOCATED TOTAL	5,500,000			
	UNALLOCATED	0			
	BUDGETED FOR 2012	5,500,000			

HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION BY ORGANIZATION 2012



HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION BY COUNTRY 2012



HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION BY CONTINENT 2012 (MEUR)

