

**CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)
PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR
(PROTOCOL V)**

REPORTING FORMS

**Pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol and the
Decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V
(As adopted by the First Conference at its second plenary meeting on 5 November 2007)**

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G H I

FORM A Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Not applicable.

Any other relevant information

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FORM B Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex

Reference to the Form C. Explosive munitions are used only in specified areas under controlled circumstances. Information recording in these case is part of a common practise.

Any other relevant information

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FORM C Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol: Other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex

Explosive munitions are used only in specified areas, possessed by the Finnish Defence Forces and designed for the training purposes. These specified areas are marked and isolated from areas aimed at civilian settlements.

Any other relevant information

FORM D Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol: Provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008.

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

Not applicable

Any other relevant information

FORM E Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Finland does not seek assistance with regard problems posed by the ERW.

Any other relevant information

FORM F Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

The Finnish Defence Forces have acquired Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) software from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian De-mining (GICHD). Making use of IMSMA is under review. It is possible to use this application for example in different peace support operations.

Any other relevant information

Since 1991, Finland has taken part in humanitarian mine action in the countries with the highest number of accidents caused by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). Humanitarian mine action is defined as mine clearing, reintegration of victims back into society, preventive education and the destruction of mine stockpiles. Finnish bilateral aid supports countries with land mine problems in work related to not only infantry landmines but also other mine types and ERW. In addition to bilateral humanitarian mine action, Finland takes part in EU humanitarian landmine activities through its contributions to the Community Budget.

Finland supports humanitarian mine action and ERW programmes prioritised by the target countries through the UN organisations, international NGOs, and Finnish or target-country NGOs. In addition, it has provided the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) with general support: the main aim of both these agencies is to promote the clearance of mines and ERW and to reduce the threat to humanity posed by such explosives.

Humanitarian mine action is funded from the general budget for development cooperation. Finland has devoted annually 3-5 million euros to humanitarian mine action, and this level of support will continue during the 2008-2011 economic planning period.

FORM G Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008.

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex

Finland has done its utmost to fulfill the measures expressed in the technical annex of the Protocol V. The existing munitions are managed and stockpiled in the manner which ensures the reliability of munitions to the fullest extent.

Any other relevant information

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FORM H Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 6.9.2007 to 31.3.2008.

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

Until now, the plan concerning measures required by the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) has been drawn up 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. In relation to crisis management activities, the requirements will be implemented according to an accelerated schedule. The requirements of ERW will also be taken into consideration in future materiel procurement. For the main part procedures relating to the procurement and storage of explosives already fulfil the requirements set. Many of the measures required by ERW are already now included in the training and activities of the Defence Forces and therefore will not cause great changes to courses of action. In fact, the voluntary measures mentioned in the technical annex of ERW improve and clarify current practices.

Any other relevant information

FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

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Any other relevant information

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