
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

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pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW
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YES

NO

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- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: **x changed**
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Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G

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 Party	FINLAND <hr/>	reporting for time period from	07.09.2010 <hr/>	27.04.2011 to
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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 the year 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. New crimes in the Penal Code are crimes against humanity and war crimes which replace the previous sections on violation of human rights in a state of emergency and war crimes. In the Act were also included 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.

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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