
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,
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YES

NO

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- Form A:** Dissemination of information: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2016)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form D:** Legislation: **changed**
x unchanged (last reporting 2012)
- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance: **changed**
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- Form F:** Other relevant matters: changed
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- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: changed
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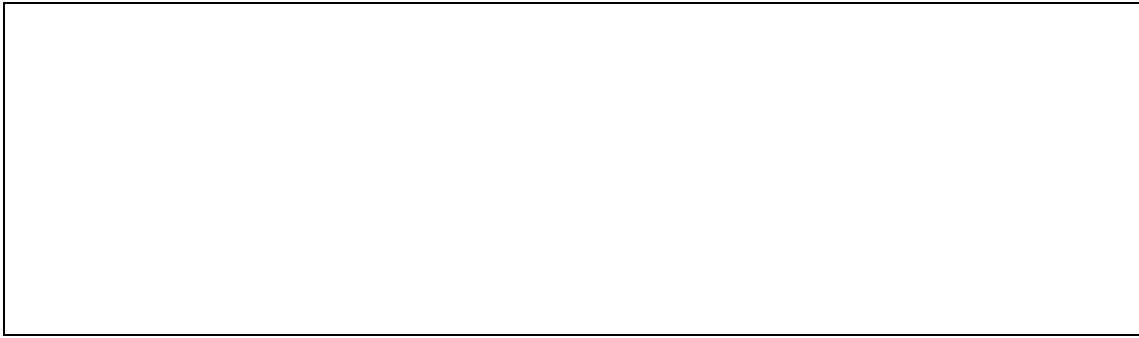
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Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

High
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Party _____ period from _____ to _____

Mine clearance programme incl. rehabilitation

Finland has taken part in humanitarian mine action since 1991 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. Finland's humanitarian mine action (HMA) policy was externally evaluated in 2015 and a new HMA concept was developed the following year. The goal is to save lives as well as to strengthen long-term security and development in the affected countries. The new concept also stresses the importance of including a gender perspective into all stages of mine action activities. Finland's comprehensive approach comprises all five pillars of humanitarian mine action: clearance, risk education, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and advocacy. Depending on the context, mine action can be a means of stabilisation, the first step towards development cooperation or an instrument for the promotion of employment and equality.

Humanitarian mine action is funded from the development cooperation budget. Finland's support is largely focused on fragile states and fragile environments where mines pose a major problem. Recipients of our assistance are Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Ukraine. Almost half of the total of c. 12 million euros of funding for 2016-2020 is channelled to support activities in Iraq and Syria in areas liberated from ISIL. Support is based on multiannual Framework Agreements with the partner organizations in order to ensure predictability of funding. Finland also takes part in EU humanitarian landmine activities through its contributions to the Community Budget.

Finland's humanitarian mine action support and policy are coordinated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Unit for Arms Control. Finland participates in donor coordination through the Mine Action Support Group (MASG). 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 implementation of Finnish development policy is guided by the 2016 Government Report on Development Policy and Finland's activities are based on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Finnish HMA funding and approach reflect also broader foreign policy objectives.

During the reporting period the FDF has carried out 374 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. The most of cases have been clearance of ERWs , but there has also been some land mine clearances.