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☐ 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

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**Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:**

The Finnish Defence Forces (FDF) conducts aerial clearing operations every year in the areas expected to have ERW’s on the ground or water in Finland due to the World War II. During the reporting period the FDF has carried out 374 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. In these cases the FDF has destructed 11846 explosive ordnances and 2600 kg explosives (small items).

**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

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

National Standards and procedures which include recording, retaining and transmission of ERW information have been published. The documents are:

3. Joint Coordination order (JCO) of Finnish Army (MN1000/17.05.2017), - Situational awareness of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD); Responsibilities, Duties and Archiving

The update of ERW's information management procedures is ongoing.

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

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

Any other relevant information:

The Finnish Defence Forces conducts marking according to International Mine Action Standards (IMAS). Disposal of ERW’s is ongoing.
**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

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

- Not applicable.

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Any other relevant information:

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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
- PROTOCOL V -

**FORM E:** Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

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**Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:**

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

Finland is ready to support other High Contracting Parties concerning implementation of Protocol V and give assistance if needed.

**Any other relevant information:**

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**FORM E(a):** Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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**Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):**

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**Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:**

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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

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

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

Any other relevant information:

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- PROTOCOL V -

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

**High Contracting Party:** Finland

**Reporting for time period from:** 31/03/2017 to 31/03/2018

**Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:**

All needed Standard Operating Instructions (SOI) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the FDF have been published.

In relation to the crisis management activities, the requirements have been implemented.

The requirements of ERW will be taken into consideration in future materiel procurement. The procedures relating to the procurement and storage of explosives fulfil the requirements. The measures required by ERW are included in the training and activities of the Defence Forces.

**Any other relevant information:**

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FORM H: Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party: Finland

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Any other relevant information:

Not applicable.