

**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 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

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 more than 350 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. In these cases the FDF has destructed more than 50 000 explosive ordnances.

Any other relevant information

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 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

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

All information on ERW's on the ground and water in Finland has been recorded to Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) software from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian De-mining (GICHD). The FDF has continued the development of Finnish Army Engineer Information System (ENGIS). In the near future, the FDF will record all dangerous area information to ENGIS system.

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 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

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

ERW risk education plans for the civilian population have been made.

Any other relevant information

The Finnish Defence Forces conducts marking according to International Mine Action Standards (IMAS). The marking system for a specified ERW infested area or individual ERW's exists and procurement of these systems is ongoing. The required materiel will be in use in the beginning of 2010. The procurement project continues years 2011-12.

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 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

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 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Finland does not seek assistance with regard to problems posed by the ERW. Anyhow, Finland have discussed unofficially with some High Contracting Parties concerning FDF's support to implementation of protocol V and promised assistance if needed.

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 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

Not applicable.

Any other relevant information

Finland takes part in humanitarian mine action in countries with highest number of accidents caused by landmines and explosive remnants of war. Support by Finland is based on a holistic approach. Mine detection and clearance, assistance for the care, rehabilitation and social and economic integration of mine victims as well as support to mine awareness projects should complement each other. In addition to bilateral humanitarian mine action through Finnish and international NGOs and foundations, Finland also supports the UN Mine Action Service, the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Demining as well as humanitarian landmine activities of the European Union.

Finland considers humanitarian mine action as an integral part of early recovery and a support to partner countries' longer term rehabilitation and development efforts. Humanitarian mine action plays an important role in transition situations, and it should be integrated in a country's own poverty reduction strategy and development plan as soon as the situation permits.

In 2009, Finland supported humanitarian mine action in seven countries, Afghanistan (UNMAS and HALO); Angola (Finnish Church Aid, HALO), Cambodia (HALO, Handicap International, Finnish Church Aid/Lutheran World Federation), Chad (FRC/ICRC), Ethiopia (Norwegian People's Aid), Iraq (FRC/ICRC) and Somalia (HALO).

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Finland's contribution to humanitarian mine action in 2010 was five million euros. The budget for 2011 is 5.300.000 euro.

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

Standard Operating Instructions (SOI) of Finnish Defence Command concerning ERW's have been published in 2009.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of Finnish Army, Navy and Air Force concerning ERW's have been published in 2009.

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

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

Not applicable