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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 more than 547 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. In these cases the FDF has destructed more than 560 explosive ordnances.

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:

1. Standard Operating Instructions (SOI) of Finnish Defence Command (published 8 Dec 2009) - General procedures

These procedures were tested during years 2007 and 2008 in various exercises, in practise, in live firing and field exercises.

Finland uses among other data processing systems Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) software from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian De-mining (GICHD) to record information on ERW’s on the ground and water in Finland.

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:

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). ERW’s is ongoing. The new material for the marking system has been procured during the year 2014.
**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.

Any other relevant information:

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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:
Finland takes part in humanitarian mine action in countries with highest number of accidents caused by mines 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 2014, Finland supported humanitarian mine action in seven countries, the biggest recipients being Afghanistan (1.53 million) and Cambodia (1.36 million). In addition support was given to Angola, Somalia, Laos and South-Sudan.

Finland's contribution to humanitarian mine action in 2014 was 6 million euros.

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):

| N/A |

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

| N/A |
FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: Finland

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

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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

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Any other relevant information:

Not applicable.