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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

REPORTING PERIOD: **March 2016 to March 2017**

- Form A:** Dissemination of information:  changed  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)**
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: **x changed**  
 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**  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2015)**
- Form F:** Other relevant matters:  changed  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)**
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:  changed  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2004)**

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NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

**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;”

*Remark: Please note that Finland participates actively also in the  
work of Mine Action Support Group (MASG) both at capital and  
Embassy levels.*

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## Mine clearance programme incl. rehabilitation

Since 1991, Finland has taken part in humanitarian mine action in countries affected by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). Finland updated its concept for humanitarian mine action in 2016. New Humanitarian Mine Action Concept for 2016-2020 targets fragile states, especially the least developed countries and regions which are in a post-conflict recovery phase following an acute conflict. During 2016-2020 Finland concentrates its support for humanitarian mine action on activities in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Somalia.

Finland's humanitarian mine action seeks an increasingly comprehensive approach. Finland's contribution constitutes a part of wider international support to promote international security, stability and development. Finland's support is based on a holistic approach. This includes mine clearance, mine risk education, victim assistance, stockpile destruction, advocacy as well as building local capacity.

Finland supports countries with land mine problems through the UN as well as through Finnish and international NGOs and Trust Funds and the International Red Cross Movement. Finland also takes part in EU humanitarian landmine activities through its contributions to the Community Budget. Finland participates in donor coordination through the Mine Action Support Group (MASG) at the HQ and Embassy levels.

Humanitarian mine action is funded from the development cooperation budget. Finland has allocated 12 million euros for humanitarian mine action during the period 2016-2020. In 2016, Finland had budgeted funds for humanitarian mine action, but due to changes in the administration was not able to execute the payments. In 2017, the total budget for humanitarian mine action is 2,912 MEUR. Finland's support is channeled to Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Somalia through UNMAS, Finnish Red Cross/ICRC, HALO Trust and MAG. Finland will also support GICHD's activities.

The Government of Finland's HMA support is coordinated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Policy Department – the Unit for Arms Control. HMA funds come from the so-called “thematic budget line” which is separate from the humanitarian aid budget line. Funding is channeled to ODA eligible countries. It is based on multiannual Framework Agreements with the partner organizations in order to ensure predictability of funding.

During the reporting period the FDF has carried out 425 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. The most of cases have been clearance of ERWs, but there has also been some land mine clearances.