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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, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

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YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: 07/09/2007 to /09/2008

- Form A:** Dissemination of information:  changed  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)**
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: **x changed**  
 unchanged (last reporting: 2007)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:  changed  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)**
- Form D:** Legislation: **x changed**  
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- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance: **x changed**  
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- Form F:** Other relevant matters:  changed  
**x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)**
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: **x changed**  
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NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A     B     C     D     E     F     G

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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;”

*Remark:*

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Mine clearance programme

See appendix 3.

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**Form D      Legislation**

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

*Remark:*

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Legislation

The Act on Safety in the Handling of Dangerous Chemicals and Explosives (390/2005) entered into force on 1 July 2005. The Act is also applied in the activity of the Finnish Defence Forces unless otherwise provided in this Act. According to paragraph 7, section 6 of the Act, an explosive means "an explosive and an article or equipment containing an explosive compound as well as other material, article or equipment that has been made to produce an explosion or a pyrotechnical phenomenon". Thus it covers the mines, traps and other ordnance meant in the Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions on Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices. Included in the Act are i.a. provisions on the general principles on safety and on the use of explosives.

The Penal Code has been amended in the year 2008 (Act 11 March 2008/212). The changed Chapter of the Penal Code, Chapter 11, concerns war crimes and crimes against humanity. The amended Act has entered into force on 1 May 2008. New crimes in the Penal Code are crimes against humanity and war crimes which replace the previous sections on violation of human rights in a state of emergency and war crimes. In the Act were also included provisions on the responsibility of a superior and separately a provision on the negligence of notification as well as a provision on the order of a superior as a factor for acquittal from criminal responsibility. The Act's connection to the CCW Convention is acknowledging the possibility that the crimes mentioned in the Act would be committed by using mines, booby-traps or other devices stipulated in the Protocol II of the CCW Convention.

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**Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

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

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;”

*Remark:*

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<p><u>International technical information exchange</u></p> <p>Finland has participated in meetings of the Standing Committee of Experts on Mine Action in Geneva.</p> <p>Finland has participated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in the working groups LG9 within NATO/EAPC and</li> <li>- Project Team (PT) EOD/IEDD and PT C-IED within the EDA’s Integrated Development Team PROTECT.</li> </ul>
<p><u>International cooperation on mine clearance</u></p> <p>Finland stands ready to offer expertise related to technical humanitarian demining to international organisations and field operations on a case by case basis.</p>
<p><u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u></p>

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**Form G      Information to the UN-database on mine clearance**

Article 11,  
paragraph 2      “Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

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<u>Means and technologies of mine clearance</u> See appendix 1
<u>Lists of experts and experts agencies</u> See appendix 2
<u>National points of contact on mine clearance</u> See appendix 2

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## Appendix 1

### Means and technologies of mine clearance

#### **THE FINNISH HUMANITARIAN DEMINING EXPERTISE**

Finland established in June 1997 a humanitarian standby demining capacity as well as focused training for overseas operations or missions. In 2003 Finland agreed on an interagency guidelines paper, which provides the basic principles for the Finnish participation in humanitarian mine action operations. In accordance with the guidelines, Finland stands ready to provide expertise to international organisations as well as operations regarding humanitarian demining. In particular the personnel with technical demining expertise will be available.

The key personnel consists mainly of experienced retired engineer officers, NCO's and specialists from the reserve. They will have further education to increase their expertise to train different humanitarian mine action functions to locally selected personnel (mine awareness, quality assurance, mine survey, mine detection, UXO-team, mine clearance (mechanical/manual) and medical first aid).

The Defence Command is responsible of the implementation of the humanitarian demining training and the Engineer Regiment is the focal point at the practical level.



## Appendix 2

### Lists of experts and experts agencies

#### - Training and Development

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**APPENDIX 3 HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION YEAR 2008  
BY ORGANIZATION / 28.7.2008**

<b>ORGANI- ZATION</b>	<b>COUNTRY / REGION</b>	<b>AID ALLOC. EUR</b>	<b>ORGANI- ZATION TOTAL</b>	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	<b>DATE OF PAYMENT</b>	<b>AID OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>PROJECT- NUMBER</b>	<b>HAND- LER</b>
<b>GICHD</b>	Core funding	100'000	<b>100'000</b>	05.12.2007	09.05.2008	Core funding to GICHD	89833201	EH
<b>FinnChurchAid</b>	Angola	450'000	<b>700'000</b>	26.10.2006		Mine clearance, Angola (Luena)	22503901	EH
FinnChurchAid	Cambodia	250'000		26.10.2006	17.07.2008	Landmine clearance in Battambang Province	72801102	EH
<b>FRC/ICRC</b>	Angola	200'000	<b>200'000</b>	26.10.2006	28.07.2008	Support to ICRC's Mine Victims Assistance Programme in Angola	22503501	EH
FRC/ICRC	Iraq	200'000		26.10.2006	28.07.2008	ICRC'S Mine Victims Assistance Progr. in Iraq	85601601	EH
<b>HALO Trust</b>	Afghanistan	1'000'000	<b>2'065'000</b>	07.04.2008	14.05.2008	Hum.mine action - demining (4072430664)	62505701	EH
HALO Trust	Angola	150'000		26.10.2006	16.05.2008	Mine clearance programme in Angola	22504001	EH
HALO Trust	Cambodia	715'000		26.10.2006	29.05.2008	Mine clearance	72801103	EH
HALO Trust	Somalia	200'000		05.12.2007		Mine clearance programme in Somaliland	27305201	EH
<b>Handicap Int.</b>	Cambodia	100'000	<b>100'000</b>	26.10.2006	06.05.2008	Mine/UXO Victim Information Systems (CMVIS)	72801501	EH
<b>NPA</b>	Ethiopia	200'000	<b>200'000</b>	05.12.2007	30.05.2008	Support to mine detection dog capacity + technical survey capacity	23812501	EH
<b>UNMAS</b>	Afghanistan	600'000	<b>1'415'000</b>	26.10.2006		Mine and UXO clearance programme	62501902	EH
UNMAS	Afghanistan	500'000		07.04.2008		Humanitarian mine action (4072430664)	62501902	EH
UNMAS	Core funding	315'000		05.12.2007		Core funding to UNMAS	81102101	EH
<b>GLO-56</b>	Mine monitoring visits	20'000	<b>20'000</b>	05.12.2007		Monitoring visits	89839501	EH
	<b>ALLOCATED TOTAL</b>	<b>5'000'000</b>						
	<b>BUDGETED FOR 2008</b>	<b>5'000'000</b>						