VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the CCW Implementation Support Unit of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs at Geneva and has the honour to transmit herewith Finland's CCW compliance report as well as the annual reports on the implementation of Protocol II and Protocol V for the period of 31 March, 2015 to 31 March, 2016.

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CCW Implementation Support Unit of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs at Geneva the assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 4 April, 2016

Appendix:  
CCW compliance report
Annual report on the implementation of Protocol II
Annual report on the implementation of Protocol V

CCW Implementation Support Unit of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs at Geneva
COMPLIANCE –

REPORTING FORMS

pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

COVER PAGE

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: FINLAND

PARTY TO:
- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
- Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
- Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
- Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
- Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2016

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

\(^1\) Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
- COMPLIANCE -

SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period: from 31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

Form A: Dissemination of information:
☐ changed
☒ unchanged (last reporting year:) 2015

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:
☐ changed
☒ unchanged (last reporting year:) 2015

Form C: Legislation:
☐ changed
☒ unchanged (last reporting year:) 2015

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:
☐ changed
☒ unchanged (last reporting year:) 2015

Form E: Other relevant matters:
☐ changed
☒ unchanged (last reporting year:) 2015

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

**Additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2015**

**Additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2015**

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

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<th>National standards and procedures which include recording, retaining and transmission of ERW information have been published. The documents are:</th>
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These procedures were tested during years 2007 and 2008 in various exercises, in practise, in live firing and field exercises.

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. The ENGIS system would also be used for recording during a time of potential conflict situation.

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 training and activities of the Defence Forces.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

| Finland takes part in humanitarian mine action in countries affected by landmines and explosive remnants of war. Support by Finland is based on a holistic approach. In addition to humanitarian mine action support through national 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. |

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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 should be integrated in a country’s own poverty reduction strategy and development plan as soon as the situation permits.

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 B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

☑ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2015

☑ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2015

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

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:

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

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

Additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year 2015.

Additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year 2015.

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

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

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:
FORM D:  Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

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Additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2015

Additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2015

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

- 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

International technical assistance:

Any other relevant information:
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: FINLAND

Reporting period: from 31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

☐ additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2015

☑ additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2015

Other relevant matters:

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 460 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. In these cases the FDF has destructed 114,596 explosive ordnances.