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## VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and other international organisations presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva and has the honour to send herewith Finland's CCW annual reports of APII and Protocol V, together with an update of Finland's humanitarian mine activities.

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and other international organisations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva the assurance of its highest consideration.

27 May, 2014



### Appendices:

Annual Report of CCW Protocol V  
Reporting forms, Protocol V  
CCW APII  
Humanitarian Mine Action 2013 by country  
Humanitarian Mine Action year 2013, graph

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**SUMMARY COVER PAGE  
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V <sup>1</sup>**

**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** Finland

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 01/04/2013 **To** 31/03/2014  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

<b>Form A:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form B:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form C:</b> 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 ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form D:</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form E:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form F:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form F(a):</b> Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form G:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form H:</b> Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
<b>Form I:</b> Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ( )] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V, this cover page could be used as a **complement** to submitting the detailed reporting forms adopted at the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V in case there is no substantial change in the ERW situation, as a result of a conflict or of the measures undertaken in compliance with the provisions of Protocol V, and when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports.

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**REPORTING FORMS  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 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

**- PROTOCOL V -**

**FORM A:** Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

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High Contracting Party: Finland

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Reporting for time period from: 1/4/2013 to 31/3/2014  
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

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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 394 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. In these cases the FDF has destroyed more than 478 explosive ordnances.

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 Command, Control and Information Management system (FINACCIS). In the near future, the FDF will record all dangerous area information to FINACCIS system. The system would also be used for planning during a time of potential conflict situation

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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High Contracting Party: Finland

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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
2. Standard Operating Instructions (SOI) of Finnish Army, Navy and Air Force (published Dec 2009) - More specified procedures for Army, Navy and Air Force activities

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.

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). The development of the marking system for a specified ERW infested area or individual ERW's is ongoing. The new material for the marking system will be procured during the year 2014.

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**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 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

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High Contracting Party: Finland

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7:

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:

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**FORM F:** Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

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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 2013, Finland supported humanitarian mine action in seven countries, the biggest recipients being Afganistan (1,55 meur) and Cambodia (1,39 meur). In addition support was given to Angola, Somalia, Laos, Tshad and South-Sudan.

Finland's contribution to humanitarian mine action in 2013 was 5,8 million euros.

**FORM F(a):** Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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High Contracting Party: Finland

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Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

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

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

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

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High Contracting Party: Finland

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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 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. Measures required by ERW are included in the training and activities of the Defence Forces.

Any other relevant information:

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**FORM I:** Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

Not applicable