

**SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V ¹**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: Finland

REPORTING PERIOD: 1.4.2008 **to** 31.3.2009
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2008)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form 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: (2008)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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 ERW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
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	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2008)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: 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: (2008)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: 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
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2008)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: 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
Form I: Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2008)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

¹ 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.

**CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)
PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR
(PROTOCOL V)**

REPORTING FORMS

**Pursuant to Article 10 (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

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3

Not applicable.

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex

Reference to the Form C. Explosive munitions are used only in specified areas under controlled circumstances during live fire exercises. Information recording in these cases is part of common practise.

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 1/4/2008 to 31/3/2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex

Explosive munitions are only used in specified areas that are owned by the Finnish Defence Forces and that have been designed for training purposes. These specified areas are marked and isolated from areas intended for civilian settlement. The marking system for a specified ERW infested area or individual ERW (=UXO) exists and procurement of these systems is ongoing. The required materiel will be in use at the beginning of 2010. Also all guidance related to Article 5 matters will be in use at the beginning of 2010.

Any other relevant information

The following contingency plans are related to ERW activities that would be needed after a crisis.

ERW risk education

- ERW risk education for adults and ERW risk education for children
- An ERW risk education organisation has been drawn up

Marking

- Preliminary instructions, inc. marking signs, for marking individual ERW's (=UXO) and several ERW's (i.e. marking an area)
- A plan for marking of AXO
- A guidance on ERW-marking

Monitoring

- An evaluation of the use of IMSMA will be completed by the end of 2009
- Components for monitoring ERW areas will be included in the upcoming Army Information, Command and Control software

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 1/4/2008 to 31/3/2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6

Not applicable

Any other relevant information

FORM E Steps taken to implement Article 7 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

Reporting for time period from 1/4/2008 to 31/3/2009

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Finland does not seek assistance with regard to problems posed by the ERW.

Any other relevant information

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

The Finnish Defence Forces have acquired the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) software from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian De-mining (GICHD). Making use of IMSMA is under review. This application can be used, for example, in different peace support operations.

Any other relevant information

Since 1991, Finland has taken part in humanitarian mine action in the countries with the highest number of accidents caused by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). Finland aims at a holistic approach. Humanitarian mine action is defined as mine clearing, reintegration of victims back into society, preventive education and the destruction of mine stockpiles. Finnish humanitarian mine action supports countries with land mine problems in work related not only to infantry landmines, but also other mine types and ERW. Finland also takes part in EU humanitarian landmine activities through its contributions to the Community Budget.

Finland supports humanitarian mine action and ERW programmes prioritised by the partner countries through the UN organisations as well as international and Finnish NGOs. In addition, Finland provides core support to the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

Humanitarian mine action is funded from the development cooperation budget. Finland devotes annually 5 million euros to humanitarian mine action. The support is aimed to be kept at least at the same level in the forthcoming years.

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

High Contracting Party: **Finland**

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11

Until now, the plan concerning measures required by the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) has been drawn up within the Defence Forces in such a way that the requirements will be fully included in the materiel development, courses of action and training of the Army, Navy and Air Force. In relation to crisis management activities, the requirements will be implemented according to an accelerated schedule. 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. Many of the measures required by ERW are already now included in the training and activities of the Defence Forces and therefore will not cause great changes to courses of action. In fact, the voluntary measures mentioned in the technical annex of ERW improve and clarify current practices.

Appropriate measures on how to take ERW into consideration during conscript training have been devised and they will be fully implemented at the beginning of 2010. The implementation of ERW related instruction is partially ongoing during 2009 and it will be executed to its fullest at the beginning of 2010.

Any other relevant information

FORM I Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information

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