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Vienna

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ERBAL NOTE

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The Permanent Delegation of Finland to the OSCE presents its compliments to all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Center and, in accordance with the Forum for Security Co-operation Decision 7/2004, has the honour to convey Finland's response to the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War.

The Permanent Delegation of Finland to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Center the assurance of its highest consideration

Vienna, 31 May 2023



To all Delegations and Permanent Missions to the OSCE
To the Conflict Prevention Center

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

To be submitted no later than 31 May of each year

(starting in May 2005)

Part I

1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

Yes

If yes:

2. Please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

Annual report is attached to this document.

Finland has not produced APMs since 1981. Production lines have been destroyed.

If no:

3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II?

4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?

The national legislation of Finland has been amended to meet the requirements of the Ottawa treaty as well as other international arms control treaties that Finland is a state party to. In the latest issued training manual of the Finnish Defence Forces it is clearly described which weapons and/or mine systems are illegal and against international law. The implementation of different treaties has been assured by the Defence Command and irregular and regular inspections are conducted continuously.

5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.

No

6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.

Yes, Finland has capacity to assist in both training and advising. The decision on possible assistance is made by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs together with the Ministry of Defence.

Part II

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?

Yes

8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

The report is attached to this document.

National implementation measures:

- 1. Standard Operating Instructions (SOI) of Finnish Defence Command has been published 3.4.2012.**
- 2. Decision of Army Command “Decommissioning of Anti Personal Mines” has been published 24.2.2012**
- 3. Decision of Finnish Defence Command “Approval of Plan of Destruction of anti-personnel mines” has been published 25.10.2010**

(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?

- 2 - FSC.DEC/7/04, 24 November 2004 Annex 1

(c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

Yes. Reference is made to the attached document.

9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?

Yes

10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.

No

11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.

Yes, Finland can provide training, advice and experts in field. Finland has supported humanitarian mine action since the 1990s. Finland’s current support in 2021-2025 is c. 15 million EUR and it is focused on fragile environments where mines pose a major problem. Recipients of our assistance are Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Ukraine.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: Finland

DATE OF SUBMISSION: March 2023

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AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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

YES

NO

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2022
dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31/12/2022
dd/mm/yyyy

Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2012)

Form E: International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2015)

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2003)

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

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2004)

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CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
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(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)**

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and
to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Finland

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

Basic training material on the CCW Convention and its protocols and their humanitarian nature has been produced and delivered to the troops.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

Finland openly communicates to the public regarding its international obligations in the field of arms control, including the CCW.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form B **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (b) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
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.*

High Contracting Party:

Finland

Reporting for time period

from: **01/01/2022**

dd/mm/yyyy

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31/12/2022

dd/mm/yyyy

MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

During the reporting period the FDF has carried out 320 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. Most of the cases have been clearance of Explosive remnants of war (ERWs).

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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
Depositary [...] on [...]:

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Finland

Reporting for time period

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31/12/2022

dd/mm/yyyy

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

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.**

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:



Article 7 Report - 1 January to 31 December 2022

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Annual Article 7 Reporting

Welcome to the online reporting platform,

- The online reporting platform has been established to support your reporting efforts in accordance with the Guide to Reporting.
- In accordance with Article 7, your report is required to be submitted to the depository of the Convention by **30 April** each year.
- Please fill out your contact information first and then proceed to the summary report. For every section of the summary report, please indicate if the information is "changed", "unchanged" or "not applicable". Once you have filled out the summary report, you will only be allowed to fill out forms where you indicated that information has "changed" in the summary report.
- For guidance on reporting, please refer to the Guide to Reporting available under 'My Reports'.
- You may attach files where relevant. Please note that all attachments together should not exceed the size limit of 5MB.
- You will be able to save, edit and view your report before you submit it. You may return to previous questions, save and logout at any time.
 - To save your report, click on the '**SAVE**' button which you will find at the bottom of each page.
 - To edit your report, go to 'My Reports', select the report you want to edit, and click '**EDIT**'.
 - To view your report, click on the '**PDF**' button which you will find at the bottom of each page.
 - To submit your report, first save your report. You will then be directed to "My Reports" where you can click on the '**SUBMIT**' button.
- When you submit your report, it will be sent directly to the depository and copied to the ISU. You will receive a confirmation email that your report has been submitted.
- Once submitted, you will be able to view but not edit your report.
- Should you encounter any difficulty while using the online reporting platform, please contact the ISU at isu@apminebanconvention.org

Contact information

Please fill out your contact information (mandatory).

State Party

Finland

Reporting Period

1 January - 31 December 2022

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Summary report

For every section of the summary report, please indicate if the information is "changed", "unchanged" or "not applicable".

The option to fill out the detailed form(s) will only be available for the section(s) where you have indicated information has "changed". If an indication is made in the summary report that the information to be provided with respect to a particular form is "unchanged" in relationship to a previous year's form, the date of submission of the previous form should be clearly indicated. The option to fill out the detailed form will not appear.

The summary report can be used as a substitute for submitting the detailed report only if all of the information to be provided in the annual report is the same as in past reports.

A. National implementation measures:

- changed
 unchanged

Last reporting year:

B. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

C. Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

D. Areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

E. Mine risk education and reduction efforts

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

F. Technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

G. Conversion or decommissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

H. Victim assistance:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

I. Cooperation and assistance:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

J. Other relevant matters:

- changed
 unchanged
 non applicable

Last reporting year:

Add any additional information

Attachments (eg. Note Verbale)



B. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

1. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned, possessed or under the State Party's jurisdiction or control

Insert information on stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned, possessed or under the State Party's jurisdiction or control as of 31 December of the previous year.

Type	Quantity Possessed	Lot Numbers
APM 65-98	8,973	
APM 43-86	2,542	
APM 68-95	4,150	

Total

15,665

2. Status of programmes for the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

2.a. Insert information on stockpiled anti-personnel mines destroyed during the reporting period.

Type	Quantity Destroyed	Lot Numbers
APM 65-98	1	
APM 43-86	49	
APM 68-95	56	

Total

106

2. b. Insert information on methods used in destruction.

Mines have been used for mine-clearing training for conscripts.

2.c. Insert information on the location of all destruction sites.

Destruction sites of APM are

1. Kittilä (explosives mass disposal area in northern part of Finland); Kittilä area has been used for years for disposal of old ammunition and explosives
2. Ähtäri (Army Depot in central part of Finland)

2.d. Insert information on applicable safety and environmental standards.

2.e. Insert information on the plan to fulfil obligations (what will be destroyed, when, where, by whom and at what cost).

Year	Number of mines to be destroyed	Type of mines to be destroyed



Total

0

2.f. Insert any other relevant additional information on legislative measures taken, structures established, technical and operational challenges, committed national resources, assistance needed and committed and an expected completion date.

3. Previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines

3.a. Insert information on previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines that were discovered during the previous calendar year. Describe how, where and when these mines were discovered.

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Type	Number of mines to be destroyed	Lot Numbers

Total

0

3.b. Insert information on the plan relating to the destruction of previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines as a matter of urgent priority and no later than six months after their discovery (what will be destroyed, when, where, by whom and at what cost).

3.c. Insert information on challenges in implementation and requirements for assistance including on cooperation and assistance.

C. Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes

1. Retained anti-personnel mines

Insert information on anti-personnel mines retained for permitted purposes as of 31 December of the previous year.

Institution authorised by the State Party	Type	Quantity Retained	Lot Numbers
Finnish Defence Forces	APM 43-86	2,542	
Finnish Defence Forces	APM 68-95	4,150	
Finnish Defence Forces	APM 65-98	8,973	

Total

2. Anti-personnel mines used for permitted purposes

Insert information on anti-personnel mines used during the reporting period for permitted purposes (e.g. training mine detection dogs, testing demining machines and studying the effect of the blast of various types of anti-personnel mines on demining equipment).

Type	Quantity Used	Authorised Institution	Lot Numbers	Actual use

Total

3. Transferred anti-personnel mines

Insert information on anti-personnel mines transferred for permitted purposes (e.g. development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques or for the purpose of destruction).

Type	Quantity Transferred	Authorised Institution	Lot Numbers	Recipient State	Purpose of transfer

Total

4. Additional information

Insert additional information on anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes (e.g. future planned use of retained mines, receipt of anti-personnel mines, any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines.)

5. Efforts to annually review the number of mines retained for permitted purposes

Insert information on efforts to annually review the number of mines retained to ensure that they do not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes.

6. Efforts to explore alternatives



Insert information on efforts to explore alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for permitted purposes.