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VERBAL NOTE

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 Centre 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 Centre the assurance of its highest consideration.

Vienna 14 June 2017



Encl.

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

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.

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 of. 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 all the time.

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 a capacity to assist in both training and advising. The decision on possible assistance relies on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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.

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

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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 on field.

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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DATE OF SUBMISSION March 2017

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

YES

NO

REPORTING PERIOD: **March 2016 to March 2017**

- Form A:** Dissemination of information: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes: **x changed**
 unchanged (last reporting: 2016)
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form D:** Legislation: **changed**
x unchanged (last reporting 2012)
- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance: **changed**
x unchanged (last reporting: 2015)
- Form F:** Other relevant matters: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2003)
- Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance: changed
x unchanged (last reporting: 2004)

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

Mine clearance programme incl. rehabilitation

Since 1991, Finland has taken part in humanitarian mine action in countries affected by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). Finland updated its concept for humanitarian mine action in 2016. New Humanitarian Mine Action Concept for 2016-2020 targets fragile states, especially the least developed countries and regions which are in a post-conflict recovery phase following an acute conflict. During 2016-2020 Finland concentrates its support for humanitarian mine action on activities in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Somalia.

Finland's humanitarian mine action seeks an increasingly comprehensive approach. Finland's contribution constitutes a part of wider international support to promote international security, stability and development. Finland's support is based on a holistic approach. This includes mine clearance, mine risk education, victim assistance, stockpile destruction, advocacy as well as building local capacity.

Finland supports countries with land mine problems through the UN as well as through Finnish and international NGOs and Trust Funds and the International Red Cross Movement. Finland also takes part in EU humanitarian landmine activities through its contributions to the Community Budget. Finland participates in donor coordination through the Mine Action Support Group (MASG) at the HQ and Embassy levels.

Humanitarian mine action is funded from the development cooperation budget. Finland has allocated 12 million euros for humanitarian mine action during the period 2016-2020. In 2016, Finland had budgeted funds for humanitarian mine action, but due to changes in the administration was not able to execute the payments. In 2017, the total budget for humanitarian mine action is 2,912 MEUR. Finland's support is channeled to Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Somalia through UNMAS, Finnish Red Cross/ICRC, HALO Trust and MAG. Finland will also support GICHD's activities.

The Government of Finland's HMA support is coordinated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Policy Department – the Unit for Arms Control. HMA funds come from the so-called “thematic budget line” which is separate from the humanitarian aid budget line. Funding is channeled to ODA eligible countries. It is based on multiannual Framework Agreements with the partner organizations in order to ensure predictability of funding.

During the reporting period the FDF has carried out 425 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cases. The most of cases have been clearance of ERWs, but there has also been some land mine clearances.

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

State [Party]: **Finland** reporting for time period from **January 1. 2016** to **December 31. 2016**

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 24.2.20123. Decision of Finnish defence Command “Approval of Plan of Destruction of anti-personnel mines” has been published 25.10.2010	

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

State [Party]: **Finland**

reporting for time period from **January 1. 2016** to **December 31. 2016**

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
APM 43-86	2 874		mines will be retained for training etc. (Form C)
APM 68-95	4 434		mines will be retained for training etc. (Form C)
APM 65-98	8 984		mines will be retained for training etc. (Form C)
TOTAL	16 292		

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-	-	
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: **Finland** reporting for time period from **January 1. 2016** to **December 31. 2016**

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
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2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
No mined areas, see supplementary information				There are tens of thousands Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) on the ground and water in Finland due to the World War II. 1. Unexploded Ordnances (UXO) 2. Abandoned Explosive Ordnances (AXO) Most of ERW's are in the uninhabited areas. Most of the areas contaminated with ERW's are recorded in the database.

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

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Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

State [Party]: **Finland**

reporting for time period from **January 1. 2016** to **December 31. 2016**

1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Finnish Defence Forces	APM 43-68	2 874		In stockpiles
	APM 68-95	4 434		In stockpiles
	APM 65-98	8 984		In stockpiles
TOTAL	-----	16 292		

1b. **Voluntary information** (*Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan*)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information
		<i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>

		“Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use”
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NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form D (continued)

2. Compulsory: Transferred for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
Finnish Defence Forces				Mines are in stockpiles and will be transferred in yearly bases to training organizations of Finnish Defence Forces
TOTAL	-----			

3. Compulsory: Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
Finnish Defence Forces				Mines are in stockpiles and will be transferred in yearly bases to Finnish Defence Forces destruction sites

TOTAL	-----	
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Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

State [Party]: **Finland**

reporting for time period from **January 1. 2016** to **December 31. 2016**

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
Destruction sites of APM are 1. Kittilä (explosives mass disposal area in northern part of Finland) a. Kittilä area has been used for years for disposal of old ammunition and explosives 2. Ähtäri (Army Depot in central part of Finland)	Methods 1. Kittilä a. APM 43-68 and APM 68-95 are destroyed by blowing them up entirely b. The fuses of APM 65-98 are destroyed by blowing them up entirely 2. Ähtäri a. APM 65-98 are unloaded b. Explosive contents are recycled c. Metal part of the fuses are recycled
	Applicable safety standards

	Applicable environmental standards
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2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including: No mined areas	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		
TOTAL			

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	weight 0,9 kg						
APM 65-98	Diameter 35 mm Height with fuse 85 mm Total weight 75 grams	General fuse 98, pressure	Pressed TNT	60	-	yes	All mines are in stockpiles of Finnish Defence Forces

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			Type	grams			
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Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

State [Party]: **Finland** reporting for time period from **January 1. 2016** to **December 31. 2016**

[Narrative / reference to other reports:] **Pictures of APMs**



APM 43-86



APM 68-95



APM 65-98

Article 6: Cooperation and Assistance

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During 2016 Finland continued to support the work of Convention's Implementation Support Unit with 10 000 euros.