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:
- amended Article I

DATE OF SUBMISSION:  4 MARCH 2005 (PROTOCOL V)

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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;

\(^1\) Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different)
(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.
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

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.
- The Finnish Defence Forces has published instructions and operating procedures concerning protocol V in 2009. More detailed instructions and operating procedures concerning the use of mines were published in 2012.

Humanitarian law

During their military service conscripts are given some training in humanitarian law including the Convention and its annexed Protocols. In addition, they are often dealt with in exercises in one form or another.

Cadets receive additional training in humanitarian law including the Convention and its annexed Protocols at the National Defence University. In addition, the employees – both military and civilian – of the Finnish Defence Forces have the possibility of attending a two-day-course in humanitarian law organized by the Finnish Red Cross. Approximately 30 to 40 officers and other employees of the Defence Forces attend these courses organized twice a year. Every year several employees of the Defence Forces, either officers or legal advisors, also attend the International Military Courses on the Law of Armed Conflict organized by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy. Both courses feature also the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

Information to the civilian population

The Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence provide information on the implementation of Finland’s commitments under the CCW through their respective public websites. The relevant authorities also make official statements, organise seminars and engage in public appearances in the media. Authorities also work closely with international and Finnish NGOs and think-tanks to promote awareness of the CCW.

Any other relevant information
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

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

- Regarding protocols I, III and IV, all technical adjustments, if any, were made in the 1980’s and 1990’s.
- The instructions and operating procedures required by the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) have published 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.
- The requirements of ERW will also be taken into consideration in future materiel procurement. Equipment for marking system of dangerous areas has been developed using requirements of the International Mine Action Standards. The procurements were carried out in 2012.

Any other relevant information

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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

Legislation

The Convention and its Protocols I-III have been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (874/1983) on 2 December 1983.

Protocol IV has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (434/1998) on 30 July 1998.

Amended Protocol II has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (851/1998) on 3 December 1998.
The amended Convention has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (770/2004) on 22 December 2004.

Protocol V has been brought into force by a Decree issued by the President of the Republic (945/2006) on 12 November 2006.

The Penal Code has been amended by an Act (212/2008) and it has entered in force on 1 May 2008.

The Decree of the Ministry of Defence on Military Explosives (772/2009) was issued on the basis of paragraphs 3 and 4, Section 3, of the Act on Safety in the Handling of Dangerous Chemicals and Explosives (390/2005). The Decree entered into force on 1 November 2009.

Any other relevant information

The Decree of the Ministry of Defence on Military Explosives (772/2009) concerns both explosives meant for military activities that are in the possession of the Finnish Defence Forces and those in the possession of the Border Guard.

**Form D  Technical co-operation 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;”

High Contracting Party: Finland

International technical co-operation
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International technical assistance
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Any other relevant information
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**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

Other relevant matters
- Finland has fulfilled the obligations specified in protocol V (ERW).