

## REPORTING FORMS

pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a **Compliance** mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

### COVER PAGE

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:

- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2020  
(dd/mm/yyyy)

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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

NO

Partially, only the following forms: A  B  C  D  E

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

<sup>□</sup> Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).

– COMPLIANCE –

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;
- (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.

**SUMMARY SHEET**

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2019 **to** 31/12/2019  
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

**Form A:** Dissemination of information:  changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year:)

**Form B:** Technical requirements and relevant information:  changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year:)

**Form C:** Legislation:  changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year:)

**Form D:** Technical cooperation and assistance:  changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year:)

**Form E:** Other relevant matters:  changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year:)

**NOTE:** This **Summary Sheet** may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.

## 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;”*

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High Contracting Party: Finland

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additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2019

additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2019

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

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 on December 2009. More detailed instructions and operating procedures concerning the use of mines were published during 2012.

Humanitarian law

The Finnish Defence Forces conducts teaching and information sequences to all personnel including conscripts and reservists concerning International Humanitarian Law. This training is under constant development.

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 among other courses. Both courses feature also the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

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:

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## 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;”*

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additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2019

additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2019

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 been 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 the dangerous area has been developed using requirements of the International Mine Action Standards. The procurements were carried out during the year 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;”*

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additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year 2019

additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2019

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

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 and it was amended in 2014 (956/2014).

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

The Defense Command of Finland has issued a decree for the Finnish Defense Forces on the process of reviewing the legality of new weapons, means or methods of warfare in accordance with Article 36 of the 1977 Additional Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions.) The decree further describes Finland's national procedures. The use and development of the internal control mechanism falls under the responsibility of the Legal Department of the Defense Command, which carries out a legal assessment under Article 36 for new weapons and weapon systems. The legal assessment is carried out in broad consultation with relevant stakeholders so that for example in addition to the legal consideration, the environmental, technical and health related views are also taken into account. The legal assessment is not legally binding. A legally binding national statement that a weapon or weapon system complies with international obligations binding Finland, is a decision to acquire a weapon or weapon system, unless otherwise stipulated by law or by the Ministry of Defense or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## FORM D: Technical cooperation 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;”*

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additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2019

additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2019

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

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International technical assistance:

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Any other relevant information:

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