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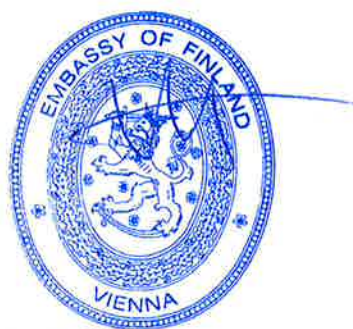
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## CIRCULAR NOTE

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 honor 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 30 May 2022



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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.**

**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?

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(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 Euros and it is focused on fragile environments where mines pose a major problem. Recipients of our assistance are Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Ukraine.**

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