

# Twenty-seventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II 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

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**General exchanges of views**

## **Working paper**

### **Submitted by the Republic of Korea \***

1. The Republic of Korea underscores the significant role of Amended Protocol II in mitigating the devastating impact of landmines and addressing the urgent need for demining. We further emphasize the importance of universal adherence to the Protocol, as well as its full and consistent implementation, including in situations of armed conflict.
2. Since its accession, the Republic of Korea has fully adhered to its obligations under the Protocol in all aspects. The Republic of Korea would like to take this opportunity to update the High Contracting Parties on recent developments regarding the ROK government's demining-related activities.
3. The Republic of Korea is continuing with its mine clearing efforts, where possible, in a systematic and phased manner. In 2024, 167 anti-personnel mines and 17 anti-tank mines were removed. In conducting demining activities, the ROK has abided by the principles of the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) in areas such as the establishment of mine action programs, procurement of mine action equipment, mine disposal, mine action and risk education, and verification. In addition, the ROK Army Engineering School continued with its humanitarian demining training programs last year in which 222 officers participated. The ROK government also enacted the "Act on Mine Countermeasures such as Removal of Mine" last year, which requires the Ministry of National Defense (MND) to devise a basic mine action plan every five years and to establish a Mine Response Activity Committee to deliberate on matters related to mine action activities.
4. The Republic of Korea has also been actively engaged in global humanitarian demining efforts through both bilateral and multilateral channels, including the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action, UN Mine Action (UNMAS), the International Trust Fund for Enhancing Human Security (ITF), and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Since 1993, the ROK government has contributed around 98 million USD to support these activities worldwide. In 2024 alone, the Republic of Korea supported humanitarian demining efforts in Lebanon, Palestine, Ukraine and other places, providing relevant humanitarian demining training and equipment, victim assistance, and capacity-building for affected communities across various regions.
5. As the war in Ukraine continues, it is deeply concerning that the country has become one of the most heavily mined countries in the world, with landmines causing significant harm to civilians. It is important to reiterate that the indiscriminate use of landmines, booby-traps, and other devices is strictly prohibited by the Protocol. In renewing our support and solidarity with Ukraine, the Republic of Korea remains committed to working with our

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partners and the international community to ensure the safety of the Ukrainian people from mines during and after the conflict.

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