

Nineteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War 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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1. The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the accession of the United Kingdom and Trinidad and Tobago to Protocol V and underscores the importance of promoting its universalization. Protocol V is the first multilateral agreement specifically designed to address the dangers posed by unexploded and abandoned ordnance, which continue to pose significant risks to civilians.
2. Addressing explosive remnants of war (ERWs) remains as a pressing and long-term task for the international community. Even long after fighting has ceased, these explosive remnants of war continue to endanger civilian, hinder reconstruction, and pose a lasting threat to peace and security. To confront this enduring threat, sustained global commitment is essential. In this regard, the Republic of Korea reaffirms its strong support for advancing the universalization and effective implementation of Protocol V, a cornerstone in mitigating the humanitarian impact of war.
3. The Republic of Korea commends the successful convening of the 2025 Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on 8 September which provided the valuable platform for State Parties to share best practices and information regarding national reporting, victim assistance and other matters related to the issue of ERW.
4. The Republic of Korea has been providing assistance to the affected States and their populations through various bilateral and multilateral programs, primarily in Southeast Asia and Africa. These initiatives have been comprehensive encompassing clearance efforts, risk education and victim assistance. The Republic of Korea's assistance programs focus on strengthening the resilience of victims and their communities while emphasizing the principles of national ownership, gender equality and effective coordination between recipient and donor countries.
5. The Republic of Korea reaffirms its full support and commitment to Protocol V.

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