

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. Italy remains deeply concerned about the humanitarian and socio-economic consequences of explosive remnants of war (ERW), especially on civilians. We support all efforts to promote the universalization of Protocol V and to strengthen its transparency and reporting provisions. We urge all High Contracting Parties to meet their reporting obligations on survey, clearance, recording, and retention in a timely and effective manner.
2. Our contribution to ERW-related activities is channeled through the Trust Fund for Humanitarian Demining, which finances programs addressing landmines, improvised explosive devices, and other explosive remnants of war. Since its establishment in 2001, Italy has allocated about 100 million euros to clearance, stockpile destruction, risk education, and victim assistance.
3. In 2024, Italy concentrated demining efforts in Ukraine, through technical and non-technical surveys, paying particular attention to the needs of women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities, and to environmental and climate concerns, including disaster risk mitigation. Last July, we were proud to host the fourth Ukraine Recovery Conference, continuing the annual series of high-level political events dedicated to the swift recovery and long-term reconstruction of Ukraine.
4. Victim assistance is a central pillar of our action. We take a long-term view, providing medical and psychological care, prostheses, physical rehabilitation, and training for local medical staff. We also consider it essential to integrate victim assistance into broader development, human rights, and humanitarian programmes, in pursuit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. We also remain strongly committed to gender- and diversity-responsive assistance, ensuring that different needs are properly addressed.
6. The safe management of munitions sites is another critical area under Protocol V. Securing stored munitions is essential for the safety of personnel and for nearby civilian populations. We believe that practical safety measures must be complemented by awareness-raising activities about the risks of unplanned explosions and the diversion of munitions, both of which have serious security implications.
7. In Italy, standardized procedures for munitions site management are established by national laws and detailed through regulations by each branch of our Armed Forces, which also take into account the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines. These procedures include provisions on regular safety and security checks, personnel access rules and registration, munitions recordkeeping, and inspections.

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8. In this vein, we look forward to the first meeting of the Global Framework on Through-Life Conventional Ammunition Management (GFA) in 2027, as strengthening ammunition safety and security could ultimately reduce the threats posed by ERW.
