

# **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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## **Working paper**

### **Submitted by Brazil \***

Thank you, Mr. President.

Allow us to start by congratulating you, Ambassador Thomas Göbel, and Germany on your election. We also commend the continued dedication of the Coordinators under Protocol V. Brazil values this forum as a practical space where States share experience, refine standards, and support those who still face the harm caused by explosive remnants of war.

We remain committed to technical assistance and capacity building abroad. Brazil has supported humanitarian demining for decades across South America, Central America, and Africa. Those deployments fostered doctrine and technical competence that now anchor sustained institutional expertise. Experience matured into structured training, quality management, and advisory work that serve partners in need and help raise the bar for safe and effective operations.

Brazil now offers advanced training opportunities through two institutions. The Engineering Instruction Center of the Brazilian Army is launching in 2025 a Level 3 Demining and Explosive Ordnance Disposal course. The course is open to international participants. Instruction is available in English and Portuguese. The program reflects current standards and lessons learned and aims to strengthen planning, execution, and leadership in complex environments.

The Sergio Vieira de Mello Center, known as CCOPAB, offers a Mine Action Internship in Spanish. The format combines remote learning and in person instruction in Rio de Janeiro. The internship prepares instructors and advisers for humanitarian demining missions conducted under regional and multilateral mandates. Training follows the International Mine Action Standards and emphasizes safety and accountability.

Two engineering companies of the Brazilian Army recently received UNPCRS certification. One of them is the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, which comprises 140 specialists dedicated to neutralizing explosive devices. This capacity supports United Nations requirements and enables targeted cooperation through training and technical dialogue with interested partners.

Brazil supports efforts to strengthen information exchange on improvised explosive devices. The Secretary General has called for a whole-of-system approach. Cooperation across military, humanitarian and technical sectors improves prevention, mitigation, and response. Protocol V can help align standards, consolidate lessons, and enhance interoperability so that practitioners work from shared baselines and move faster from analysis to action.

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Brazil underscores the importance of transparent national reporting. Reports inform policy. Reports help tailor assistance to real needs. Reports build trust among States Parties and between operators in the field. We support steps that improve data quality and comparability under Protocol V. Timely submissions and open sharing of good practices make assistance more efficient and outcomes more durable.

We remain ready to cooperate. Interested delegations may contact the Office of the Military Adviser to the Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament for information on course schedules and participation. When countries share expertise, all partners learn more and civilians face fewer risks.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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