

Reference: C.N.372.2025.TREATIES-XXVI.5 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING,
PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON
THEIR DESTRUCTION

OSLO, 18 SEPTEMBER 1997

FINLAND: NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL ¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 10 July 2025.

(Original: English)

“Pursuant to Article 20 of the said Convention, the Government of the Republic of Finland do hereby formally notify their withdrawal from the said Convention and give the following explanation of the reasons motivating this withdrawal:

The main goals of the foreign and security policy of the Republic of Finland are to safeguard Finland’s independence and territorial integrity, to avoid becoming involved in a military conflict, and to ensure the security and wellbeing of the Finnish people. To achieve these goals in the deteriorated security policy situation and to be ready to respond to long-lasting and large-scale warfare, if necessary, Finland must be able to enhance its defence capabilities. The withdrawal from the Convention will enable Finland to reintroduce the anti-personnel mine system to the range of its available means of defence.”

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 20 of the Convention, the withdrawal would take effect for Finland on 10 January 2026, subject to the condition set forth in the said paragraph, which reads as follows:

“3. Such withdrawal shall only take effect six months after the receipt of the instrument of withdrawal by the Depositary. If, however, on the expiry of that six-month period, the withdrawing State Party is engaged in an armed conflict, the withdrawal shall not take effect before the end of the armed conflict.”

11 July 2025



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.8.2012.TREATIES-1 of 10 January 2012
(Accession: Finland).