

**Sixth 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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**Report
Cooperation and Assistance and Requests for Assistance**

**Submitted by the Coordinator¹ on Cooperation and Assistance
and Requests for Assistance**

Amendment

Paragraph 8, *amend* subparagraph (f) *to read*

(f) The United States of America provided a range of technical and financial assistance to help States with problems concerning ERW. It provided assistance for clearance, including existing ERW at the time of entry into force of Protocol V, destruction of aging and excess munitions and the proper management of stockpiles. The United States contributed over US\$ 142 million in 2011 and expected to spend over 149 million in 2012 for its Conventional Weapons Destruction program. To initiate a bilateral assistance programme, a government should submit a formal and detailed request preferably from a minister or deputy minister to the relevant United States Embassy. In the case of a catastrophic event or cessation of a conflict, the Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA) in the Bureau of Political- Military Affairs of the State Department can assess and potentially execute remedial action. For example, most recently in response to the 4 March explosions in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, a PM/WRA's Quick Reaction team arrived within 48 hours of a request for assistance to support the post-blast assessment and within a few days additional experts arrived to clean up unexploded ordnance in populated areas. The United States believed that donor coordination was essential to ensuring that donor assistance was delivered to where it was most needed. It participated in the MASG which endeavored to coordinate the contributions to mine action of the major donors and increase support where it was needed. Due to donors having different financial years and donating to a range organizations, it was difficult to obtain a

¹ In accordance with the decision of the Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War, as contained in paragraph 43(c) of its final document (CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/12), the discussions on cooperation and assistance and requests for assistance pursuant to Article 7 were led by Mr. Yevgen Lisuchenko of Ukraine as Coordinator.

clear picture where funding was going, to align priorities and avoid duplication. Improved coordination may assist in better understanding where there were funding gaps.
