Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

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The GICHD

- Independent organization founded in April 1998 and based in Geneva
- Governing body: Council of Foundation (18 countries - Ambassador level)
- Consultative group: Advisory Board
- 40+ staff members
- Financed by voluntary contributions of states and through commissioned work
GICHD Strategy 2006 - 2008

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2. Create and disseminate knowledge
3. Quality Management and Standards
4. Support to International Treaties

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- Develop improved methodologies
  - Manual demining activities
  - Mechanical demining activities
  - Use and testing of dogs and rats
- Undertake studies
- Publish handbooks
- Conduct evaluations
3. Develop the International Standards for Mine Action (IMAS) on behalf of UNMAS

4. Support to International Treaties
   - Ottawa Convention (ISU)

   Technical Input
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   - CCW – Amended Protocol II
     - Protocol V ERW
Examples of Current Activities

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SUMMARY
Assistance available from GICHD

- Installation of and operational support to IMSMA
- Operational support through advice and training activities:
  - Introduction to Mine Action
  - Development of national legislation
  - Priority setting based on socio-economic approaches
  - Destruction of anti-personal mine stockpiles
  - Development of National Mine Action Standards
  - Linking mine action and development
  - Risk management
  - Technical advice to field operations
  - Introduction of new demining techniques and methodologies
- Specific field oriented research work
- Evaluations and reviews
A Guide to Mine Action

- Basic reference
- Available in English, Russian, French, Spanish, Arabic
- Distributed free
- www.gichd.org
Questions?