



## **Press Release**

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### **Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining - Council of Foundation adopts New Strategy for 2006 - 2008**

The Council of Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) adopted on Monday 12 December 2005 a new strategy for the period 2006-2008. The strategy defines the strategic goals and the operational objectives of the GICHD activities. Based on the Strategy, action plans will be developed on an annual basis that contain concrete activities and measurable performance targets.

The vision of the GICHD is to strive for a world free of antipersonnel mines and from the threat of other landmines and explosive remnants of war, and where the suffering and concerns of populations living in affected areas are addressed.

The mission statement turns the vision into concrete actions by outlining the Centre's strategic goals, at the same time reflecting its priorities and competencies. To this end, the GICHD will, in partnership with others:

- provide operational assistance,
- create and disseminate knowledge,
- improve quality management and standards, and
- support instruments of international law,

all aimed at increasing the performance and professionalism of mine action.

The GICHD is involved in all aspects of mine action and for the elimination of the threat of explosive remnants of war by extensively co-operating with other international organisations, states and non-governmental organisations.

The GICHD is an impartial and independent foundation supported by 18 governments. Some 30 staff work at the Geneva headquarters with a small number of regional representatives in mine-affected countries.

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