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Forensic recovery of Human remains in mine/ERW contaminated areas

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ICRC WEC AND FORENSIC TEAMS IN THE
PROCESS OF SEARCH AND RECOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS IN ABKHAZIA

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Context

- Georgia and Abkhazia Armed Conflict (1992 – 1993)
- More than 2200 still missing
- ICRC Chair of the Bipartite Coordination Mechanism mandated to clarify the fate and whereabouts of the missing and to inform families accordingly
- ICRC lead in the processes of search, recovery and identification of the remains of the missing
- 5-year Strategy



Preliminary
research



Excavation /Exhumation
process



Analysis of the
remains/Identification process

WeC support: Assessment and Safe recovery



WeC and Forensic in the field





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Mechanical / Manual Exploration



Local Pattern?: Civilian v/s Military cases



WeC – Forensic Challenges

1. Application of the protocols for the side of Non-specialized personnel in ERW participating in the recovery of the remains
2. Identify the patterns of ERW associated to the remains, taking into consideration the context and the background for the coming cases
3. Local Capacity building in ERW manipulation:
 - To support the operation and
 - To support to the authorities and the local population when items are found.