



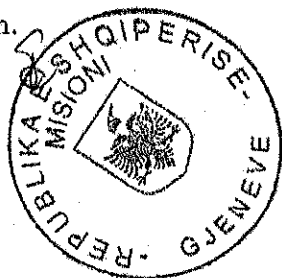
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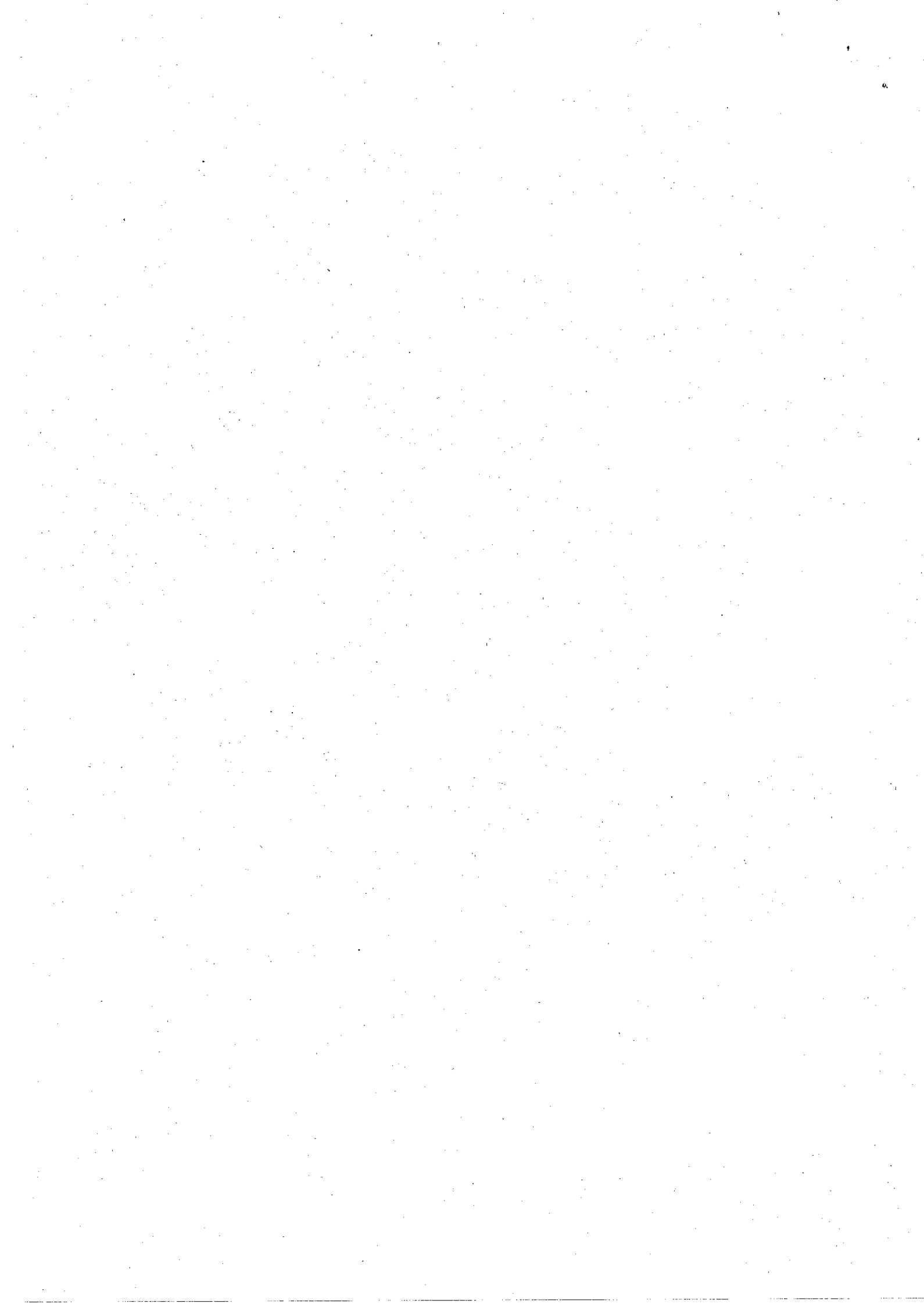
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the CCW Implementation Support Unit, and has the honor to submit the Albanian National Annual Report for 2015 pursuant to CCW Amended Protocol II.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CCW Implementation Support Unit, the assurance of its highest consideration.



Geneva, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2015

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**AMENDED PROTOCOL II**

**PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES,  
BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED  
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**

**(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)**

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**REPORTING FORMATS**

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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CONTRACTING PARTY: ALBANIA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: March 2015

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

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C

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E

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### Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository [...] on [...]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

ALABNIA

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#### **INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**

The Albanian Armed Forces personnel involved in UXO clearance and ammunition disposal operations are issued with appropriate instructions, operating procedures and receive training consistent with the relevant provisions of this Protocol.

In addition, army personnel from the Albanian Armed Forces, who participate in Joint International Peacekeeping Missions are briefed on the purpose and provisions of this Protocol.

#### **INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**

All 39 villages affected by landmines and unexploded ordnance in northeastern Albania were covered regularly with Risk Education activities until clearance operations were successfully completed in 2009. As such the number of accidents decreased from 152 in 1999 to the last 2 accidents in 2005. The overall decline in the number of accidents was representative of the effective mine clearance and MRE activities taking place in the region. The MRE were effective in reaching all targeted groups in the affected region and were carried out in an integrated manner involving several stakeholders and implementing partners including UNICEF, ICRC, Albanian Red Cross, the local NGO -Victims of Mines & Arms Kukësi - Association (VMA), the demining organizations and the village based Anti-mine Committees under coordination and monitoring of the Albanian Mine Action Executive.



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As a result of these coordinated efforts about 16,608,055 square meters of area in which anti-personnel mines and unexploded ordnance were known or were suspected to be emplaced were released through survey and clearance and certified as free of threat by AMAE at the end of 2009. This work culminated in the destruction of more than 12,452 anti-personnel mines, 152 anti-tank mines and 4,965 UXO-s.

The clearance operations throughout these years were funded by several donors including: The European Union and the Governments of United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Denmark, Canada and Czech Republic while implementing partners for mine clearance include: the local authorities of Kukes Region, the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) in Slovenia, the UNDP, UNMAS, DanChurchAid, the Swiss Foundation for Demining, RONCO, HELP and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

### REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

There are at least 991 UXO casualties (150 killed and 841 injured) all over Albania. Desegregation of data by age and gender are available for every prefecture/region of Albania. There is a National Plan aiming to support the mine/UXO victims throughout Albania. The plan complies with several International Treaties ratified by Albania, such as Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Convention on Cluster Munitions and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The implementation of the National Plan contributes to the emergency, medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, socio-economic reintegration, data collection, as well as in implementation of relevant laws and policies for all mine/UXO victims throughout Albania.

The capacities to support mines/UXO survivors were created during the previous Albanian Mine Action Programme. These capacities in emergency medical response, medical care, surgical capacities and physical rehabilitation are developed at national and local level and are not serving merely to mine/UXO survivors and other persons with disabilities, but to all people in need.

The Prosthetic Workshop in Regional Hospital of Kukes was upgraded with equipments, raw materials and relevant elements to repair and produce prostheses and orthoses. As result of international donor' support, the Rehabilitation Unit in Kukes Regional Hospital is able to assist mine and UXO survivors as well as other amputees in need for such medical assistance. During 2014, the Prosthetic Workshop at Kukes Regional Hospital was able to support about 38 amputees with new prostheses and 73 others with major repairs.

In 2014, a "Needs Assessment of Socio-Economic and Medical needs of marginalized Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) victims in Albania" was conducted in six regions (Korçë, Elbasan, Durrës, Peshkopi, Gjirokastër dhe Berat) with the financial support of Austrian Government, and in two other regions (Shkodër, Lezhë) with the financial support of US Government through International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security. The assessment focused in reviewing the status of the survivors, identifying their specific needs and drafting due recommendations for the Government to provide them with relevant assistance.

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**During 2014, 168 UXO/ERW/AXO victims and their families were visited, 126 UXO/ERW/AXO victims were directly interviewed. Current status of the interviewees was documented and thorough analyses of information received, helped to prioritize the needs for further support to the victims.**

**AMMCO is recording in IMSMA database, all incidents of previously unreported victims and information withdrawn from the needs assessment forms, assembled by ALB-AID during the reporting period.**

**A project proposal is developed by ALB-AID and submitted to International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security (ITF), in order to complete the "Needs Assessment of Socio-Economic and Medical needs of marginalized Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) victims" survey, with information about potential UXO/ERW victims in the last three regions of Tirana, Fier and Vlora.**

**All activities were monitored and coordinated by AMMCO and carried out in cooperation with various implementing partners including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Welfare and Youth, Kukës Regional Hospital, and Directorates of Public Health, UNDP Albania, International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security (ITF), University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia and the NGO "Albanian Association for Assistance Integration and Development" (ALB-AID).**



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### Form C

### Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (c)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository [...] on [...]:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

*Remark:*

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#### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

##### a) Recording

1. No records of minefields were made available to the Albanian Government after the Kosovo conflict, which rendered the work of the clearance organizations more difficult. Albania has never made use of anti-personnel mines or booby-traps in its territory.
2. Specifications on detectability Albania has ratified the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in 1999 and does not produce any anti-personnel mine. In addition, Albania has completed the destruction of its APM stockpile since 4 April 2002 and it has decided to not retain any anti-personnel mines for training purposes.
3. Specifications on self destruction and self-deactivation.  
N/A
4. International signs for minefields and mined areas.  
All minefields were properly marked in compliance with the International Mine Action Standards and the Amended Protocol II until their final clearance in 2009. Albania has currently no landmines contaminated areas in its territory.

#### ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

n/a



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### Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (e)

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(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;”

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

During the implementation of the Mine Action Programme in Albania, a great benefit has been drawn from cooperation and share of expertise at technical level in particular within the region of Southeast Europe through structures like the SEEMACC - South East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council, the Regional Mine Detection Dogs Centre, the International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security or other regional initiatives such as the RASR - Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction, the RACVIAC, etc. The cooperation in framework of these structures or initiatives has been essential for ensuring sharing of valuable information, technical expertise and resources as well as considerable funding support not only for clearance operations but also in the significant areas of victim assistance and risk education. In addition, the coordination and monitoring structure (AMAE) supported by UNDP has cooperated bilaterally in joint initiatives with several Mine Action Centers such as: Montenegro, Kosovo and Bosnia- Herzegovina.

#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

The clearance operations throughout the implementation of the Mine Action programme were funded by several international donors including: The European Union and the Governments of United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Denmark, Canada and Czech Republic while implementing partners for mine clearance include: the local authorities of Kukes Region, the International Trust Fund (ITF), UNDP, DanChurchAid, the Swiss Foundation for Demining, RONCO, HELP.

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### **TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**

**International organizations such as the GICHD, ICRC, UNMAS and UNDP, Institute of Rehabilitation Slovenia etc. have supported the programme with specific technical expertise in various areas such as Information Management, Mine Action legislation, Victim Assistance, International Mine Action Technical Standards, etc.**



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### Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11,  
paragraph 2,

"2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance."

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#### MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

**Destruction of landmines in contaminated areas was carried out through manual demining, Mechanical and dogs in compliance with International Mine Action standards and the National Technical Safety Standards.  
In addition, the disposal operations were carried out in accordance with the applicable environmental standards.**

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