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)

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 15/05/2019

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

☑ YES

☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

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Form A  Dissemination of information

Article 13, paragraph 4 (a)  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...] :

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

BH Armed Forces have been aware of Amended Protocol II of the CCW. Members of the BH Armed Forces through the individual and collective training given basic knowledge of international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, including international agreements ratified by B&H. Representatives of the Armed Forces at the proposal of the Ministry of Defense of BiH participate in the work of expert teams dealing with solving UXO and demining of minefields.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified Amended Protocol II and it is published on all mine action related internet sites, containing BH reports and is therefore, in the public domain. Also MRE activities include information to the civilian population. MRE is conducted through public information, education of population and connect with the impact communities by BHMAC and accredited organizations for mine risk education. For school-age children information about mine danger spread through the implementation of the curriculum. In order to warn the population on mine danger BHMAC continuously performs put or renovation mine warning signs. The action of the BH Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the dissemination of information among the civilian population takes place over a demining battalion of the BH Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the activities of MRE why the BH Armed Forces are accredited.

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Form B

Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13, paragraph 4 (b)

"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;"

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

Mine Action programme exists in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1996. Mine clearance per year in square metres depends mostly on funds and resources available. Threat is widespread mostly along the confrontation lines of former warring sides. Mine Action represent the re-establishment of safe environment in areas contaminated with mines and UXO, aiming to ensure safe environment and the economic development.

Mine Action is a activities with mines five main components:
1. Mine risk education
2. Humanitarian demining operations that include clearance of mines and UXO, all levels of survey, Quality Assurance and mapping
3. Landmine Victim Assistance
4. AP mines stockpiles destruction
5. Advocacy

BHMAC is conducting Quality Assurance in demining testing of metal detectors, MDD teams and ground preparation machines for clearance and technical survey, Risk Area Permanent Marking and all levels of survey. Various training courses of demining structure are conducted regularly, as well as mine risk education activities coordinated by the BHMAC.

In 2018, cleared area of 5,964,807 m², 2,101 antipersonnel mines, 57 anti-tank mines and 1,974 pieces of ERW were found and destroyed during the stated operations. The average number of mines per hectare is 23/ha.
REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

In 2018, The coordinating body for the assistance to victims of mines, cluster munitions and ERW was established by the Decision of the BiH Ministry Council. In this reporting period, a preliminary coordination meeting of this working group for mine victims' assistance was held, and in order to improve situation in the area of mine action segment of mine/ERW/cluster mines victims' assistance. BHMAIS database has been updated with 17 mine victims in relation to location, victims’ identity and assistance provided in the previous period. BHMAIS database provided information on mine victims per official requests for 20 victims, 5 participants in mine victims’ assistance process and 4 international organizations, all in accordance with the Law on the protection of Personal Data in B&H.

MRE

In 2018, there have been continuous activities on Mine Risk Education on mines/ERW/cluster munitions through informing of the public, education of the affected groups of population and liaising of mine actions with the impacted community/municipality. The focus of mines/ERW/cluster munition MRE was the conduct of activities within impacted communities/municipalities with large suspect area of III category priority, i.e. education towards the most impacted groups of population. In this reporting period, there were 12 realized projects of MRE education with 36,608 persons educated on mine threat.
Form C  Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13, paragraph 4 (c)  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:
Bosnia and Herzegovina has taken all steps necessary to meet technical requirements of the Protocol. All mines booby traps and other devices in the inventory of BH Armed Forces comply fully with technical provisions of Amended Protocol II.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:
In the period from August 2018 to December 2019, the Project "General Assessment of Suspected Areas in BiH 2018 - 2019" will be jointly implemented by the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center, BiH Armed Forces and the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA).
Form D  

Legislation

Article 13, paragraph 4 (d) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...] :

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:  

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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LEGISLATION:

Bosnia and Herzegovina Criminal Law has been annexed to accommodate ban of all the activities prohibited under the Convention.

Criminal Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina enter into force on 1st March 2003; Chapter XVI: Criminal acts against integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Article 165; Chapter XVII: Criminal acts against humanitarian and values protected under international law – Articles 193 and 193 a.

Law of Defense in BH
Demining Law in BH
Standards for humanitarian demining in BH

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

| Article 13, paragraph 4 (e) | "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(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: |
In cooperation with international and national organizations, Bosnia and Herzegovina is participating in exchange of experiences and technologies, training capacities as well as development of better and advanced methods of mine clearance and other mine action, performing tests and evaluations.

| INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE: |
Bosnia and Herzegovina is continuously developing the cooperation at international, regional and bilateral level aiming to develop demining capacities, as well as the exchange of knowledge, experiences and personnel. Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre is developing the cooperation with MAC centers in the region of SE Europe as well as other associations and through the exchange of experiences further contribute to demining process.
During 2018, representatives of Mine Action Centre in BiH actively participated at the 21th International Meeting of Mine Action National Programme Directors and UN advisors, 28th SEEMAC meeting held within the 15th International Symposium on Humanitarian Demining.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

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Form F   Other relevant matters

Article 13, paragraph 4 (f)  "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...] :

(f) other relevant matters."

Remark:

High Contracting Party:  Bosnia and Herzegovina

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

Bosnia and Herzegovina does not manufacture, import or export mines.
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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.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

Mine clearance capacities included a complete equipment of 18 demining companies. They also need to have accreditation from BHMAC to perform such actions. All the employees that work in mine clearance are wearing protective equipment that consists of flack jacket with protection for groins and helmets with visors. For special cases of UXO demolition, companies use ballistic suits. Following equipment is in usage for humanitarian demining activities: 949 metal detectors, 29 demining machines including all types (medium, light and heavy), excavators, machines for vegetation clearing and 110 mine detection dogs. In Bosnia, mine clearance actions are mostly performed as a combination of mechanical demining, manual detection and mine-searching dogs. BHMAC Standard operating procedures also prescribe the entire methodology of humanitarian demining activities. Frequent use of demining machines puts Croatia among the leading states with industrial mine clearance.

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Tarik Serak, Heads offices
Ranko Banjac, Heads offices
Zoran Grujic, Heads offices
There are 18 accredited organizations for mine actions. All information about them we have on our web page: www.bhmac.org

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NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF BH
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS OF BH
THE DEMINING COMMISSION OF BH
BHMAC
BHMAC web site: www.bhmac.org

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