

**PROTOCOL II ON PROHIBITION 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)**

Annual report in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4

**NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

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**Form A                    Dissemination of information**

Article 13/4/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 : **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Reporting for time period from January to December 2014

**Information to the armed forces**

Standing Committee for Military Affairs introduced this Protocol to the Ministers of Defence of Federation of BH and Republic of Srpska. Both Ministers of Defence distributed the information on Protocol II to the all levels of Armed forces. Chiefs of units informed their superiors on the realization process.

Armed forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina participate in demining process in BH and destroyed all their stocks in accordance with Article 7 of the Ottawa Convention.

Army demining teams participate in humanitarian demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the demining plan and funds provided, and for these activities armed forces are accredited by the BHMAL.

**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.

Form B **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programs**

Article 13/4/b "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository..... on....  
b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina Reporting for time period from January to December 2014

**Mine actions 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.

- ✓ Current size of mine suspect area is 1.176,5 km<sup>2</sup>, while the size of cluster munition suspect area is 8.76 km<sup>2</sup>;
- ✓ Mine suspect area is reduced for 42 km<sup>2</sup>, while the cluster munition suspect area is reduced for 1,74 km<sup>2</sup>;
- ✓ General survey defined newly surveyed risk/suspect area of 43,62 km<sup>2</sup>, for further humanitarian demining/permanent marking operations;
- ✓ 224 humanitarian demining tasks were completed, with sampled/demined area of 11,97 km<sup>2</sup>.
- ✓ Technical survey operations reduced area of 10,12 km<sup>2</sup>, while clearance operations reduced the area of 1,85 km<sup>2</sup>. Currently, there are 65 tasks of humanitarian demining with the area of 1,72 km<sup>2</sup>;

- ✓ 1901 AP mines, 135 AT mines and 2342 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed (11 mina/ha);
- ✓ There are 15 realised cluster munition tasks with sampled area of 1,33 km<sup>2</sup> and 581 CBU and 16 pieces of UXO found and destroyed;
- ✓ 49 permanent marking projects were realised with the area of 5,38 km<sup>2</sup>, where 906 individual permanent marking signs were placed;
- ✓ Through permanent marking activities, 11.521 mine warning signs were placed;
- ✓ Quality control inspectors from BH MAC conducted 3.767 technical supervision/inspections;
- ✓ 1055 metal detectors, 90 EDD teams and 32 machines were tested. Review and evaluation of the equipment and means has been conducted in 21 organisations;
- ✓ Through 33 courses, 311 persons successfully completed courses in mine action domain;
- ✓ 35 mine awareness projects were realised with 35.397 persons educated on mine hazards;
- ✓ 2 mine/UXO victims' assistance projects were realised, one is in the process of realisation;
- ✓ 8 mine and 1 demining accidents were registered, with 16 victims out of which, 6 fatalities.

### **Rehabilitation programmes**

In this reporting period, there were continuous coordinating activities between BH MAC and organisations/institutions active in the domain of mine/UXO victims' assistance in BiH. Mine/UXO activities were targeted towards preparation of the state progress report for BiH for „III Audit Conference” for countries signatories of the Ottawa Treaty held in Maputo, Mozambique. Apart from stated above, there was a continuous activities on updating the BHMAIS database, gathering and input of mine related registered incidents/accidents, cluster munition victims as well as mine victims' assistance projects. Within the II phase of implantation of „Land release” project, an additional aspect is included, which encompasses gathering new and review of existing mine/UXO victims' information, which was done in order to establish current status of mine/UXO victims in BiH and improvement of dispersion. BH MAC representatives actively participated at 17th Princess Diana Memorial Sitting Volleyball Tournament held in Zavidovići, as well as at the workshop „From knowledge to advocacy, from advocacy to changes”, which was held in Sarajevo with a goal to reinforce sub-coordination in the domain of issues related to mine victims and other persons with disability. In this reporting period, there were 3 completed mine/UXO victims' assistance projects, while 6 projects are still in their realisation phase. The goals of realised projects were:

„Victim's alternative is independence”- educational programme for female victims and women householders with members who are mine victims. The goal was gaining competitiveness at the work market; „We economically enforce communities”- economic support for 20 mine victims in 5 municipalities in Republic of Srpska (hereinafter RS) through purchasing livestock, greenhouses, equipment for apiculture etc. „Humanitarian aid for flooded in Dobož”- aid for the victims of floods, between them mine/UXO victims. The aid was delivered as food packages and similar - 100 packages for mine/UXO victims).

**MRE**

In 2014, there were continuous coordination meetings of BH MAC representatives and those from mine awareness accredited organisations. Meetings were under technical inspection within mine awareness task realisation. 35 mine awareness projects were realised with 35.397 persons educated about mine hazards. Apart from the stated above, NPA instructors conducted cluster munition awareness in municipalities of Bosansko Grahovo and Bosanska Krupa, where 54 persons were educated. In cooperation with authorities from municipalities with registered mine accidents at the beginning of the calendar year (Petrovo, Teslić and Kalesija), BH AC and EUFOR launched the mine awareness campaign through creation and distribution of mine situation maps. Under BH MAC supervision, Red Cross BiH organised a state competition from mine awareness programme for elementary schools in BiH. There has also been a two-day internal training for Red Cross BiH inspectors in order to renew their knowledge. With the technical and financial support of EUFOR and BH MAC supervision, NGO "Stop Mines" organised training for mine awareness instructors. 28 attendees successfully finished the training. Red Cross BiH also organised a BH MAC supervised course where 17 attendees successfully finished the training. Due to natural disasters in BiH, activities were conducted in mine affected area, namely of emergency mine/UXO awareness, coordinated and supervised by BH MAC. UNDP provided 5000 promotional fliers for mine/UXO awareness. They were distributed in affected area via Civilian Protection BiH and Red Cross BiH. EUFOR also provided and distributed 900 fliers and 6000 posters via LOT teams in 40 affected areas. NPA and NGO "Posavina bez mina" conducted mine/UXO awareness activities in the affected areas of District Brčko, in Šamac, Domaljevac-Šamac, Orašje and Odžak.

**Form C                      Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13/4/c                      "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary .... On ....  
(b) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information's pertaining thereto:

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina                      Reporting for time period from January to December 2014

**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**

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**Form D****Legislation**

Article 13/4 d      The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository.....on.....  
(d) legislation related to this Protocol

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina      Reporting for time period from January to December 2014

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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;

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

Article 13/4/e                The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository....on....  
(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance

Remark:

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**International technical information exchange**

In cooperation with many 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.

As for research and development domain, there were continuous activities on the implementation of „IPA 2011-Land release” project which is conducted at 21 mine suspect area with the area of 106, 08 km<sup>2</sup>, in total of 23 municipalities in BiH. In 2014, there were III phase activities involving targeted systematic survey and mine clearance at 6 mine suspect areas and also activities MRE.



**Form F**                      **Other relevant matters**

Article 13/4/f                      The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary....on.....  
(f) other relevant matters  
Remark:

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**Other relevant matters:**

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

Mine Action in Bosnia and Herzegovina is mostly funded by the international community, with the increasing support of local authorities.

**Form G Information to the UN database on mine clearance**

Article 11/2/f “Each High Contracting Parties 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”  
(f) other relevant matters

Remark:

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**MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE**

Mine clearance capacities included a complete equipment of 26 demining companies. They also need to have accreditation from BHMIC 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: 1126 metal detectors, 43 demining machines including all types (medium, light and heavy), excavators, machines for vegetation clearing and 67 mine detection dogs. In Bosnia, mine clearance actions are mostly performed as a combination of mechanical demining, manual detection and mine-searching dogs. BHMIC 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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There are 28 accredited organizations for mine actions. All information about them we have on our web page [www.bhmac.org](http://www.bhmac.org)

**NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT MINE CLEARANCE**

**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS OF BH**  
**THE DEMINIG COMMISSION OF BH**  
**BHMAC**  
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