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**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 2010

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 BHMAC.

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.

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 2010

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.

Rehabilitation programmes

The following activities were done in the field of mine victim assistance coordination in 2010:

- "Data base revision" project finished by BiH Red Cross, after which evaluation "Mine victims in BiH analysis" was developed and adopted and verified by BiH Demining Commission;
- It was established MVA coordination group (which includes 5 NGOs) and developed the Regulations for the work of mine victim assistance coordination group in BiH. The task of this group is to consider importance, purpose and priorities of MVA projects and to make an opinion for BHMAC and propose further procedure;
- It was developed and presented mine victim portal with all operational capacities and currently data and contents of the portal are being entered:
 - a) Web forms for organizations registration, reporting and announcement of the project have been developed and included in web portal, their further development and adjustment will be continued in 2011,
 - b) It has been continuously worked on correction and synchronization of data, connecting casualties with mine victims, as well as entering of new data;
 - c) There were continuously collected data about new and current law provisions which treat mine victims and other persons with disabilities on all administrative levels of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - d) It has been developed and presented draft Project for constant updating of the system and quality control of data entered in information system.
- There were held five coordinative meetings of all participants in the process of mine victim assistance in BiH;
- Coordination of activities on filming a documentary about a mine victim by Amnesty International Dutch Section and NGO UDAS from Banjo Luka;

According to obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the Signatory of "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" (CCW) CCW and Protocol V (PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR) which imply additional reporting about mine victim activities, regular annual reports were made as well as annual report on Cartagena action plan implementation 2010-2014;

In 2010, there were implemented 2 mine victim assistance projects while 10 projects are prepared for implementation.

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 2010

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
NONE

Form D Legislation
Article 13/4 d The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositaryon.....
(d) legislation related to this Protocol

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina Reporting for time period from January to December 2010

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;

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 Depositary....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.

In 2010, in the field of research and development, Mine Action Center in BiH in cooperation with ITF and HCR continued activities on "Support system to assessment and reduction of mine suspected area in BiH". When mine suspected area of 167,9 km² was defined in Bihac, Mostar and Trebinje, the area became subject for helicopter (multi-sensor) survey and recording. After recording was completed, there was a presentation of the project and scientific methods for recording and processing of recorded data. Final results of helicopter recording in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be known and published in the beginning of 2011.

Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13/4/f The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository....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.

The size of mine suspected area at the end of 2010 was 1.442,84 km² or 2,81% of the total size of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through systematic survey operations it was defined 10.866 mine suspected micro locations with approximately 213.000 mines/UXO. In 2010 it was observed/treated 178.32 km² of mine suspected area which is 91,38% of the plan, while suspected area in Bosnia and Herzegovina was reduced for 112,50 km² or 77,13% of the plan. Through general survey operations it was defined newly surveyed mine risk area (I and II phase) of 66,82 km² or 82,10% of the plan and 756 projects for humanitarian demining operations were prepared. Through general survey, there were prepared 163 projects for establishment of movement prohibition measures in the third priority category for the area of 29,22 km² or 182,67 % of the plan. Humanitarian demining operations were performed on 350 demining tasks with the total area of 15.495.835 m². Total number of completed demining tasks is 262 (147 technical survey tasks and 115 clearance tasks) and the sampled area is 11.745.090 m² or 38 % of the plan. Through technical survey operations it was reduced 9.394.312 m² or 43,0% of the plan, while through clearance operations it was reduced 2.350.778 m² or 25,4% of the plan when it was found and destroyed 2.350 AP mines, 114 AT mines, 1.130 pieces of UXO and 34 pieces of KB/KBI. Average number of found and destroyed mines per hectare is 10,48 mines/ha. In the report period, 61 permanent marking projects were realized with the total area of 7.78 km² and 19 projects on establishment of movement prohibition measures in the third category locations with the area of 9,27 km², which is 57,98% of the plan. Total number of individual mine warning signs set up in these operations is 1.564, which is 31,28% of the plan. Total number of urgent marking signs placed during mine risk education activities as well as systematic and general survey is 12.068 or 67,04% of the plan. BHMAL quality control inspectors performed 4.165 inspections on 350 demining tasks or in average 11,90 technical supervisions/inspections per demining task which is 52,06% of the plan. During 2010, 23 MRE projects were implemented by accredited MRE organizations when 37.215 people were trained on mine threat. There were also implemented two projects on mine/UXO victim assistance while 10 projects are prepared for implementation. In 2010, according to the information provided by Mine Action Center in BiH, for mine action in Bosnia and Herzegovina were spent funds in amount to 57,83 million KM or 73,04% of the plan – 79,17 million KM. In 2010, it was registered 7 mine accidents and 3 demining accidents with 14 casualties. Six people were killed and eight people were injured.