pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

PARTY TO:
☒ Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
☒ Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
☒ Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
☒ Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
☒ Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
☒ Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
☒ The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2013 (dd/mm/yyyy)

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
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Form A: Dissemination of information:  
- changed  
- unchanged  
(last reporting year:) 2011

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information:  
- changed  
- unchanged  
(last reporting year:) 2010

Form C: Legislation:  
- changed  
- unchanged  
(last reporting year:) 2010

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance:  
- changed  
- unchanged  
(last reporting year:) 2011

Form E: Other relevant matters:  
- changed  
- unchanged  
(last reporting year:) 2010

NOTE: This Summary Sheet may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

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☒ additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2012

☒ additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2012

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

The introduction of the newly signed Convention on Cluster Munitions to the Armed Forces at the Croatian Defense Academy was used to reshape and expand the curriculum time dedicated at all levels of education on the agreements, treaties and conventions signed and ratified by the Republic of Croatia. Starting at basic, advance and senior NCO courses it expands and gets more in-depth coverage all the way up to the War College level. This is particularly important today, as Croatia is a NATO member and its armed forces have to be well informed on the obligations and implications stemming from the many signed agreements and conventions that affect their actions during stability operations and other international deployments. The new expanded curriculum is being implemented from the beginning of September 2011.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

Dissemination of information about the CCW and its protocols to civilian population includes mine risk education (MRE) activities. Croatian Red Cross with its local branches (in local communities), CROMAC and the Association of civil Victims of Homeland War are active in events and lectures where MRE messages are given. The lectures are always bearing in mind that mine risk education is effective in terms of reducing the number of mine casualties. Interesting presentations (lectures) on mine/UXO risk education were organised for children, adults, and especially for target groups (hunters, fishermen, returnees etc.). The purpose of mine/UXO risk education was to learn and spread knowledge on danger of mines. In 2012 CROMAC coordinated a large number of activities related to informing about mine danger. The Association of Croatian Civil Victims of War of the Republic of Croatia, Croatian Red Cross, CROMAC and the Ministry of Interior organized nine panels named "Children in Mine Environment" in elementary schools all over the country. Employees of the CROMAC, throughout the year, participated in Radio Zagreb broadcast program presenting the most current content and information related to mine action. All actions in education and other activities related to mine danger could be monitored on CROMAC's website, which is updated daily. Such practice will be continued in the future.

In 2012 CROMAC, at the request of government bodies, regional and local governments, public enterprises, as well as Croatian citizens, issued a 398 insight and/or maps of the mine suspected areas. In addition to cartographic representations and insight, CROMAC developed a unique web application MISportal, available to all internet users, where it is possible to see the locations of mine suspected areas.
“Croatia without Mines” – Trust Fund for Humanitarian Demining of Croatia has launched a project entitled "Education and information of the agricultural population of the danger of landmines". CROMAC actively participated in this project in 2012 through 39 panels in 10 counties.
Croatian Red Cross has continued with the Programme about the mine danger in collaboration with 14 County Prefects and 49 local Red Cross branches, all located in the vicinity of mine suspected areas.
Daska Theatre played 6 shows, "No, no MI-NE" in the counties in which there are mine suspected areas. That completes the project funded by the US Government through the ITF started in 2010. In total, 67 shows were played. In 2012 there was also traditional media campaign “April- month of mine protection” on TV and radio stations and numerous other media related activities with the aim of MRE.

Any other relevant information:
**FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information**

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

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☑ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2010

☐ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2010

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

The information on the technical requirements remains unchanged from the report of 2009.2011

Any other relevant information:
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

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additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: ☐

The Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols is contained in the 2009 report and remains unchanged.

additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: ☐

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:
FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information […] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

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☒ additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2012

☒ additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2012

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

Based on the Agreement on the transfer of tasks, Article 2, signed between CROMAC and CROMAC-CTDT on 30 October 2003 CROMAC - CTDT took over the activities and projects focused on testing of mine detection and mine clearance equipment, as well as research of new methods and technology.

Technical cooperation:
In January 2012, a research and development project TIRAMISU (Toolbox Implementation for Removal of Anti-personnel Mines, Submunitions and UXO) started, where CROMAC - CTDT is one of 26 partners from 11 countries. The project is coordinated by the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, and the goal is to provide a global toolbox that will cover the main mine action activities, from the survey of large areas to the actual disposal of explosive hazards, and mine risk education. The project is founded by the European Union within the 7th Framework Program (FP7). The goal of CROMAC - CTDT is to conduct chemical and hyperspectral analysis of vegetation inside minefields; to apply GIS for multicriteria analysis tools; to conduct a trial of honeybees in detection and quality control; and to implement validation of tools developed by other partners. The project will last for four years. As part of the project, multisensor airborne survey of Padene military depot, where an explosion happened in 2011, was conducted in June, as well as the measuring of spectral characteristics of explosive ordnance around it, taken from the ground.

Training:
In 2012 CROMAC - CTDT conducted three training courses for the staff of Russian Company “ITC for Special Works and Expertise”. The subject of the training courses was humanitarian demining - demining of UXO contaminated areas, and the trainees were worksite managers, team leaders and internal controllers. The first training course was conducted in May, the second one in August, and the third one in November.
As part of cooperation between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Iraq, three mine action training courses were held in 2012, for representatives of Iraqi Ministries of Ecology, of Defense and of Internal Affairs.
In March the training course was held on the topic of overall mine action system, where testing of demining machines and mine detection dogs was presented, as well as demining with machines and dogs.
In May a training course was held on the topic of use of machines in humanitarian demining.
In September a training course was held on the topic of manual demining.
In September, CROMAC - CTDT hosted a delegation from Central Asia and Afghanistan. Their visit was arranged with the OSCE Office in Tajikistan and ITF, and was financed by the OSCE Office in Tajikistan and the Republic of…
Korea. The delegation consisted of representatives of the Ministries of Defense from Turkmenistan, Kirgizstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan; representatives of the Mine Action Centre from Afghanistan; representatives of the Government and UNDP of Tajikistan and the OSCE Office in Tajikistan.

For the part of the delegation from Tajikistan, lectures were organized with CROMAC on the mine action system in the Republic of Croatia; on planning, data bases and QA and QC. The rest of the delegation had lectures on storing and destruction of ammunition.

In 2012, two EOD training courses were held for the region of Southeast Europe, financed by the American State Department through ITF Enhancing Human Security from Slovenia: In May an EOD Level 3 training course was held for trainees from Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia. In September an EOD Level 4 training course was held for trainees from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia.

In April, CROMAC - CTDT organized the 9th International Symposium on Humanitarian Demining 2012 together with CROMAC. The following events were held on the margins of the Symposium: a Southeast Europe Mine Action Planning Council (SEEMACC) Meeting; International Advanced Robotics Program - IARP HUDEM 2012 Workshop; IRAMISU Project meetings.

International technical assistance:

Cooperation on international level required close cooperation between CROMAC and Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatian diplomatic missions throughout the world and Croatian Ministry of Defense. Apart from fulfilment of the commitments undertaken by Croatia signing the Ottawa Treaty, international cooperation activities have mostly consisted of raising demining funds, capacity building, mine victims assistance and mine risk education. International cooperation also includes taking part in different conferences at regional and international level that enable us to promote and present achievement of Croatian mine action system.

During the years of CROMAC work, the confirmation for CROMAC respectable reputation and expertise in world mine action was clearly given by international mine action authorities. This has given CROMAC an excellent opportunity for providing technical support to other national mine action centres in the region and wider, initiating joint projects as well as joint approach to the donor community. The Croatian mine action system leaded by CROMAC can offer the following to the international community involved in mine action:

• Establishment of the National Mine Action Centre;
• Legislative and normative regulations;
• Establishment of MIS (Mine Information System) and Geographic Information System (CROMAC-GIP);
• Planning System – development of National Strategy, development of Annual Operative Plans;
• Education of humanitarian demining staff (deminers, auxiliary workers and management);
• Protective equipment and demining machines manufactures in the Republic of Croatia;
• Capacities and know-how of the Croatian demining companies;
• Capacities for testing demining machines, equipment and devices as well as new methodologies.

Cluster for humanitarian demining has the opportunity for the export of Croatian knowledge and technology to foreign markets or in countries that have a mine problem. Cluster, through its founders and its associated members, in one place ensures the capacity, resources and knowledge to carry out all activities related to mine action. As the knowledge, technologies and products greatly surpassed the needs of Croatia, the intention is to offer the same knowledge and resources to countries with mine problem for its faster removal. Cluster now comprises of 14 members, except for Croatian Mine Action Centre and CROMAC-CTDT, there are the manufacturers of demining machines -ING Ltd., Duro Dakovic Special Vehicles Inc. and demining company Istraživač Ltd., manufacturers of protective equipment Borovo Gumitrade Ltd. and Šestan-Busch Ltd., a manufacturer of metal detectors Vallon GmbH from Germany, manufacturer of magnetic locators Schonstedt Instrument Company from USA, Regional Center for Underwater Mining (RCUD) from Montenegro, Blas-tip Ltd. from Slovenia, demining companies MKA*Deming Ltd. and Mungos Miniranje Ltd. as well as Geofoto Ltd.

Croatian Mine Action Centre was the co-organizer of the 9th international symposium "Humanitarian Demining" which was held in the City of Šibenik in April 2012. Participants expressed special interest in the field demonstration demining machines.

Any other relevant information:
FORM E: Other relevant matters

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Other relevant matters:

The Republic of Croatia has signed and ratified the Convention on Cluster Munitions. This Convention was ratified by the Croatian Parliament (June 5, 2009) and ratification instruments were deposited to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on August 17, 2009. The Convention on Cluster Munitions with respect to Croatia came into force on August 1, 2010. Working group established from the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, the Ministry of Defense, the Croatian Mine Action Center, Ministry of Interior and NGO organization Mine Aid, has made substantial progress on National Legislation that would include the imposition of penal sanctions on all natural and legal persons who violate the legislation. The Republic of Croatia has also made concrete steps to fulfill its obligations relating to storage and stockpile destruction as well as the clearance requirements.