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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) and has the honour to enclose herewith the Report of the Republic of Serbia in accordance with Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the Amended Protocol II 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 (CCW), covering the year 2018.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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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 INiscriminate 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: Republic of Serbia

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31/03/2019

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

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**INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**
The Serbian Armed Forces have consistently applied procedures as defined in the Additional Protocol II and there are no changes in the manner of dissemination of data to members of the Serbian Armed Forces about it.

**INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**
The Mine Action Centre of the Republic of Serbia, as a national coordinating body in charge of humanitarian demining/mine action activities in the Republic of Serbia, carries out a number of efforts to ensure that the civilians from affected communities are not injured by mines, cluster munitions and other UXO including through the following methods:

- **Marking;**
The whole area suspected to be contaminated with various types of mines has been visibly marked with “STOP UXO” signs in Serbian and Albanian languages, given that it is an area with multiethnic population. Areas contaminated with cluster munitions, air bombs – rockets and other UXO, have been also marked correspondingly. Marking is conducted by the Serbian Mine Action Centre (SMAC) and within its regular activities the SMAC periodically visits contaminated locations making sure that these signs remain emplaced.

- **Risk education;**
Locals of the affected communities are being informed about demining activities through a number of means and media. Mine risk education has been conducted in schools and
affected communities. In accordance with the IMAS, during demining operations, evacuation of people from houses, shops and other communal locations located within the zone of demining works is conducted. Suspension of traffic on the roads within the zone of demining operations is conducted, too. In relation to that, the SMAC coordinates activities with local authorities, school authorities and other relevant state bodies (Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Transport), local media means in communities where demining operations are conducted.
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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;”

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:
The Serbian Mine Action Centre (founded in 2002) is a national coordinating body in charge of humanitarian demining/mine action activities in Serbia. SMAC develops, implements and reviews a three year program of humanitarian demining/mine action activities with an annual work plan, which is adopted by the Serbian Government.

At the 17th Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on their Destruction, which was held in the period 26-30 November 2018, Geneva, the Republic of Serbia was granted a 4 year extension of the deadline for fulfillment of its obligations under Article 5 of the Convention, which is 1 March 2023.

As of December 2018, the remaining mine suspected hazardous area totals 1,731,520 sqm in the Municipality of Bujanovac. In comparison to the 2017 reporting, when the remaining mine contamination totalled 2,354,540 sqm, the area of 623,020 was cleared of mines.

In May 2018, one technical survey project was completed totalling 113,600 sqm with 5 AP mines and 2 UXO found and safely destroyed. This project was funded by the 2017 Serbian State Budget for demining operations and, matched, through ITF, with the U.S. Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement donation.

In October 2018, two technical survey projects were completed in the Bujanovac Municipality, totalling 216,220 sqm, with 9 AP mines found and safely destroyed.

In December 2018, two clearance projects totalling 293,200 sqm were completed in the Bujanovac Municipality, with 15 AP mines and 1,345 UXO found and safely destroyed.
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These 4 above mentioned projects have been funded by the 2018 Serbian State Budget for demining operations and, matched, through ITF, with the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement donation and the donation of the Republic of Korea.

The whole area suspected to be contaminated with various types of mines and other UXO has been visibly marked with bilingual warning signs, given that it is an area with mixed ethnic population.
The Serbian Armed Forces does not possess anti-personnel (AP) mines, booby traps and other devices which are prohibited by the Ottawa Convention.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

In the Republic of Serbia, the Strategy for promoting the status of persons with disabilities, is in force. The Strategy recognized their equal rights with those of other disabled persons (the rights of disabled war veterans, peacetime disabled veterans, as well as civilian disabled veterans).

The Republic of Serbia is also implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Under the Law on professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities, the status of a person with disabilities is granted to disabled war veterans, peacetime disabled veterans and civilian disabled veterans. This Law is based on the principles governing the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, inclusion of all persons with disabilities, on an equal footing, in all spheres of social life – in accordance with their professional skills.

In accordance with the Law of Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities, obligation of the employer who employs fifty (50) persons is to employ one person with disabilities

This law is based on the principles: respect for human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities; inclusion of persons with disabilities in all spheres of social life on an equal in accordance with professional skills; encourage employment of persons with disabilities in appropriate jobs and appropriate working conditions; prohibiting discrimination against persons with disabilities, in accordance with the law; equal rights and obligations; gender equality of persons with disabilities.

Based on the Rulebook on closer conditions, criteria and standards all the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation was adopted. The Steering Committee of the National Employment Agency adopted the Rulebook on methods and criteria for the implementation of active labour market of a persons with disabilities.
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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 Depositary […] on […]:

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

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with Article 7 of the Ottawa Convention, the Ministry of Defence and the Serbian Armed Forces has in its possession 3,134 pieces of AP mines intended for training of personnel and testing of protective equipment. Measurements taken at the level of the Ministry of Defence and the Serbian Armed Forces which contribute to meeting the technical requirements of the Convention and the supplementary protocols are reflected in the fact that the assets are not available to the unauthorized persons, that are kept in the warehouses under control, so that the possibility of their misuse is practically eliminated.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Training of all professional members of the Serbian Armed Forces, as well as training of volunteers in proper and safe handling of mines and explosive ordnance within the armaments of the Serbian Armed Forces, is realized based on the existing rules and instructions aligned with the provisions of the Protocol.
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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;"

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LEGISLATION:
The Serbian Armed Forces consistently applies procedures defined in the Additional Protocol II, and there are no changes compared to the previous reporting period.

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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:

The Serbian Mine Action Centre retains vast expertise in mine clearance and cluster munitions clearance, in particular as regards survey, project tasks developing, quality control and governing of mine clearance and cluster munitions clearance project tasks.

The Serbian Armed Forces is capable of rendering necessary expert assistance to the countries accessing to Protocol II and is trained and equipped for offering assistance to other countries in organization, training and in the very process of mine detection and destruction.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

The Serbian Mine Action Centre achieves international cooperation with numerous subjects in the field of mine action.

Cooperation with the ITF, as well as regional cooperation through various forms of the work of the Southeastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council, known as SEEMACC, give good results in the field of mine action.

After the foundation of the SMAC, ITF strongly supported the SMAC at first providing donations for training of personnel, technical equipping and survey of the mine suspected area, and in 2003 started funding our projects for humanitarian demining.

ITF and the SMAC signed the Memorandum of Understanding which further enhances cooperation between the SMAC and ITF.

SMAC also cooperates with the Russian Federal Agency "Emercom" under the

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Memorandum of Understanding.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:
The Serbian Mine Action Centre is willing to share experience and lessons learned from the ongoing and completed operations.
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**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:**

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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:
The following methods have been employed in Serbia for SMAC projects to release areas known or suspected to contain mines:

- Cancellation through survey
- Manual demining
- Mechanical demining
- Canine demining

The Serbian Armed Forces is qualified for destruction of mine fields for the purpose of reducing the risks and effects of mines and explosive ordnance in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

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