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The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations at Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs – Geneva Branch and has the honour to transmit the Annual National report of Bosnia and Herzegovina on a monitoring application to the CCW Convention in 2011,

- Compliance report CCW Convention;
- CCW Convention Amended Protocol II;
- CCW Convention Protocol V

The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration. *ML*

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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**

DATE OF SUBMISSION: **March 2012**

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Form A**Dissemination of information**

Article 13/4/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** Reporting for time period from January to December 2011

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.

MRE had a key role in conduct of Mine Action Plans for mine / UXO affected municipalities, within which MRE projects were realised as well as emergency and permanent marking projects and placing of mine situation informative signs. MRE projects were fully realised (I and II phase) within Mine Action Plan activities in following mine/UXO affected municipalities: Mrkonjić Grad, Maglaj and Bosanska Krupa, by NGO „Posavina bez mina“ and NGO „Genesis Project“, with technical and financial support of Delegation of European Union in BH, Jablanica and Trebinje, by NGO „Posavina bez mina“, with technical and financial support from ITF, Berkovići, by NGO „Prepelica“, Stolac

and Jajce, by NGO „Orhideja“, with technical and financial support from „Handicap International“-a, Ilijaš, by NGO „Intersos“, with technical and financial support from Italian Government and Foča-Ústikolina, by „Red Cross Association BH“, with technical and financial support by International Red Cross Committee in BH. Currently, there are Mine Action Plans in realisation for following mine/UJO affected municipalities: Novo Gorađe, by „Red Cross Association BH“, with technical and financial support from International Red Cross for BH and Odžak, by NGO „Posavina bez mina“ and NGO „Genesis Project“, with technical and financial support by Delegation of European Union in BH. In this reporting period, MRE instructors from EUFOR LOT teams conducted continuous activities in affected communities via public informing and education of groups of population, while NGO „Stop Mines“, technically and financially supported by EUFOR, conducted two training courses for MRE instructors. Courses were successfully finished by 78 attendees, mostly EUFOR LOT teams interpreters and representatives of organisations accredited for MRE. In reporting period, 20 MRE projects were realised, where 26.307 persons were educated on mine hazards.

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 2011.

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

In 2011, in the domain of mine / UXO victims assistance, three coordination meetings were held of the working group for mine / UXO victims assistance in BH, as well as several meetings between Mine Action Centre BH representatives and representatives of organizations dealing with mine / UXO victims assistance issues, all in order to promote status of mine / UXO victims assistance. There were continuous activities from the domain of reporting based on Conventions and Protocols signed by Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, amongst all, treat mine / UXO victims. Representatives from BH attended the Geneva held Conference for countries / members who signed Ottawa Convention, where current status of mine / UXO victims assistance situation in BH has been presented. Apart from stated above, there were continuous activities on updating database (BHMAIS), by collection and input of information related to registered mine incidents / demining accidents, as well as input of information related to projects of mine / UXO victim assistance. A procedure started for collection of detailed information on victims of cluster munition in BH. There is a project of creating a brochure which should promote the problem of mine / UXO victims. Identity checks were conducted for person who already received help via implemented projects of mine / UXO victim assistance. Web portal is created and updated for mine victims, with continued analysis of law regulations related to mine / UXO victims on all administrative levels in BH. In the reporting period, 15 projects of mine / UXO victim assistance were realized in order to raise livelihood standards of mine / UXO victims, promotion of rights for disabled persons as well as their social and economic integration back into society.

In 2011, there were 10 registered incidents and 3 demining accidents, with total of 22 victims, out of which 9 mortalities and 13 injured persons. Since 1992, total of 7.981 were victims to mines / UXO. During the war period (1992-1995) there were 6.043 mine / UXO victims; after the war (since 1996) 1.671 were victims, with 583 mortalities, while there are no available data on year for 267 mine / UXO victims. Since 1996, during humanitarian demining, 113 deminers were victims to mines / UXO, with 46 mortalities.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13/4/c "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository 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 2011

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

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Form D
Article 13/4 d

Legislation

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

Remark:

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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;

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.

In 2011, there were presentations of results for the project „Usage of Support Systems in Evaluation and Reduction of Mine Suspect Area in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, implemented by Mine Action Centre Bosnia and Herzegovina, ITF and HCR, which contained of helicopter multi-sensor survey and photographing of mine suspect area of 40,2 km2 in the area of Bihac, Mostar and Trebinje; after this, Mine Action Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina was provided with digital orto photo and vector mode of proposition for inclusion of mine suspect area of 18,9 km2 in project treated municipalities. Israeli company „Geomine Ltd” presented the method of mine search using spectral analysis of aerial photos, which has been successfully applied in Israel and Angola. Providing this method proved acceptable for mine action, mine suspect area might be reduced much sooner in relation to existing methods while the very process of field activates might be significantly improved. Within the project / feasibility study by SAFEDEM, which is realised under the sponsorship of European Space Agency (ESA), new program has been presented on the location of Žrnovnica Barracks in Hadžići, a potential method of imaging mine suspect areas by the usage of unmanned aerial vehicles UAV „ATMOS-6”, presented by Spanish company „CatUAV”. ATMOS-6 is an UAV with electric motor and a battery which, navigated from the control centre, might cover the area up to 1.000 ha. The usage of UAV enables images of high resolution in a manner much faster and less costly in comparison to aero or satellite images.

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 suspect area is 1.340,06 km2;

Mine suspect area is reduced by 102,62 km2 or 70% out of plan;

Total newly surveyed mine risk / suspect area is 93,80 km2 or 118% out of plan;

Newly surveyed mine risk area of 61,20 km2 (760 humanitarian demining projects) and surveyed III category area of 32,60 km2 (245 permanent marking projects);

276 completed tasks (145 technical survey and 131 clearance tasks);

Sampled area of 12, 69 km2 or 41% out of plan. Technical survey operations reduced 9,56 km2 mine risk area or 44% out of plan, while clearance operations reduced 3,13 km2 of mine risk area or 34% out of plan;

Found and destroyed 1.816 AP mines, 389 AT mines, 5.346 pieces of UXO and 59 pieces of cluster munitions (KB/KB1). Average number of mines found and destroyed per hectare is 7,04 mina/ha;

67 humanitarian demining tasks of total area 2,46 km2 were transferred to 2012;

104 permanent marking / access barring projects were realised in III category with the area of 24, 63 km2 or 75% out of plan. Through staged operation, 2.349 individual marking signs were placed, which is 47% out of plan, along with 52 mine situation information panels / billboards; Emergency marking activities resulted in 13.543 placed mine warning signs or 85% out of plan;

QC Inspectors from Mine Action Centre Bosnia and Herzegovina conducted 4.718 inspections or 59% out of plan;

20 MRE projects were realised, were 26.307 persons were educated on mine hazard; 15 Mine / UXO Victims Assistance projects were realised;

Funds spent on mine action in BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA and in accordance to available data were 40,63 millions KM or 51% out of plan - 79,99 millions KM (according to Annex 1. of the Mine Action Strategy for 2009 - 2019).