

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**  
to December 2013

Reporting for time period from January

**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 2013

**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

Monitoring of the application of Standard and SOP for mine awareness, coordination and technical control, along with integration with other mine action was the basis of MA activities in 2013. There were continuous individual meetings of BH MAC representatives and organisations accredited for Mine Awareness in order to improve and coordinate; technical inspections were conducted within the realisation of MA activities and tasks. In order to achieve the highest quality in organising competition „Misli Mine“ in primary schools, there has been a meeting of the Organisation Board for the realisation of this competition at all administrative levels in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mine Awareness had a key role in implementation of Mine Action plans for municipalities contaminated with mines/UXO; within these plans, MA projects were realised, including emergency and permanent marking projects as well as placing information/mine situation billboards. Organised by Entity organisations of “Red Cross”, there were primary school pupils’ competitions with Mine Awareness topics. Technically and financially supported by EUFOR, NGO „Stop Mines“ has conducted training for MA inspectors; 38 attendees successfully completed the training (EUFOR LOT houses interpreters as well as representatives from organisations accredited for mine awareness). Total 20 projects of MA were either realised or in the realisation phase, whereas 25 244 persons were educated on mine awareness by the end of the reporting period.

**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  
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**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  
Depositary....on.....

(d) legislation related to this Protocol

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina            Reporting for time period from January    to  
December 2013

**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 Depositary...on....

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina Reporting for time period from January to December 2013

**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 the research and development domain, Phase I of implementation „IPA 2011-Land release” has been completed, in the area of 4 BHMAC Regional Offices (Mostar, Tuzla, Travnik and Pale), among other, reduction is implied of 70 km<sup>2</sup> of mine suspect area: reduction was conducted via nontechnical and technical methods along with definition of 30 km<sup>2</sup> of mine risk area for further humanitarian demining operations. Within Phase I and in the area of 70 contaminated communities in 23 municipalities, 21 mine suspect area has been processed with a total of mine suspect area of 106.08 km<sup>2</sup> or 106% out of plan. It is estimated that 67.52% km<sup>2</sup> or 96.5% out of the total analytically and graphically processed area will be reduced. Within Phase I of the project, there has been a training for operational staff of BHMAC, changes were made as well as amendments of follow up operational procedures; orto photo imagery of mine suspect areas has started to be integrated into BHMAIS.

**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 the mine suspect area at the end of 2013 is 1.218,5 km<sup>2</sup>;

Mine suspect area is reduced for 44.32 km<sup>2</sup>;

There is a total of 65 km<sup>2</sup> of newly surveyed mine risk/suspect area;

191 humanitarian demining tasks were completed, with sampled/demined 11.06 km<sup>2</sup>;

Technical survey operations reduced the area of 9.17 km<sup>2</sup>, while clearance operations reduced the area of 1.89 km<sup>2</sup>. 1.700 AP mines, 100 AT mines and 91 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed. At the end of 2013, there are ongoing 71 humanitarian demining tasks with the area of 2.39 km<sup>2</sup>;

16 tasks of cluster munition removal were realised, with the area of 1.18 km<sup>2</sup>, were 230 pieces of cluster munition and 21 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed;

Fifty-five permanent marking projects were realised on the area of 11.82 km<sup>2</sup>. 1200 individual permanent marking signs were placed through stated operations, along with 37 billboards informing on mine situation;

Within the emergency marking activities, 9749 mine marking signs were placed;

BHMAC Quality Control inspectors have conducted 3223 technical inspections;

In the quality assurance domain, testing was conducted of 342 metal detectors, 108 EDDs and a6 machines, while review and evaluation of assets operational status has been conducted in 27 organisations.

377 persons have successfully completed training in mine action through 20 courses;

20 Mine Awareness projects were realised, where 25 244 persons were educated on mine threat by the end of the reporting period;



6 projects of mine/UXO victims assistance were realised, where 175 direct users received assistance;  
In 2013, mine action in Bosnia and Herzegovina was funded by 35.49 million KM or 44% out of the plan;  
There were six registered one and mine incidents demining accidents, where there were 13 casualties and 3 fatalities.