

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**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 INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS  
(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)**

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### REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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CONTRACTING PARTY: ALBANIA

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

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### Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (b) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depositary [...] on [...]:  
  
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party: ALBANIA

Reporting for time period  
from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: 31.12.2018  
dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy

#### **MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:**

**Albania has suffered a contamination of landmines and explosive remnants of war as a result of the Kosovo conflict in 1999. A post-conflict general survey by the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) right after the conflict identified originally 15.25 km<sup>2</sup> of mine contaminated area in 39 villages and affecting approximately 25,000 people along the 120 kilometer Albanian/Kosova border in the districts of Kukes, Has and Tropoje. The threat identified in these areas included anti-personnel and anti-tank mines laid by FYR forces, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and sub-munitions from FYR rocket artillery.**

**The Government of Albania responded swiftly by conducting rapid surface clearance, which dramatically reduced civilian casualties. However, the work was not carried out in accordance with the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and the area had to be re-cleared.**

**In addition, in order to adequately implement mine action, an inter-ministerial body – The Albanian Mine Action Committee (AMAC) was established to act as the overall policy making body for mine action. At the same time, an operational body – the Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE) was in charge to carry out the mine action program under direction of the AMAC and responsible of coordination and monitoring of: mine/UXO clearance, risk education and victim assistance.**

**From 2000-2009 international demining organizations conducting survey operations and humanitarian demining in Albania included RONCO, HELP, the Swiss Foundation for Demining (FSD) and Dan Church Aid (DCA).**

**As a result of these coordinated efforts about 16,608,055 square meters of area in which**

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anti-personnel mines and unexploded ordnance were known or were suspected to be emplaced were released through survey and clearance and certified as free of threat by AMAE at the end of 2009. This work culminated in the destruction of more than 12,452 anti-personnel mines, 152 anti-tank mines and 4,965 UXO-s.

The clearance operations throughout these years were funded by several donors including: The European Union and the Governments of United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Denmark, Canada and Czech Republic while implementing partners for mine clearance include: the local authorities of Kukes Region, the International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security (ITF), the UNDP, UNMAS, DanChurchAid, the Swiss Foundation for Demining, RONCO, HELP and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

### REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

There are at least 1003 UXO casualties (151 killed and 852 injured) all over Albania. The plan aiming to support the mine and UXO victims throughout Albania complies with Disarmament International Treaties ratified by Albania, such as Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and Convention on Cluster Munitions Convention. The implementation of this plan is contributing to the emergency and continuing medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, socio-economic reintegration, data collection, relevant laws and policies for all mine/UXO victims throughout Albania.

During the reporting period, at least 17 new prostheses and 22 repairs are done to amputees in need at the Prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Hospital and at 2266 physiotherapy sessions are done to 165 patients.

Albania needs support to further address the needs of Mine/UXO survivors and other persons with Disabilities.

Albania has already identified the financial gaps and needs in order to fulfill obligations under the disarmament conventions and the CRPD.

All activities were monitored and coordinated by Albanian Mine and Munitions Coordination Office (AMMCO) and carried out in cooperation with various implementing partners including the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Kukës Regional Hospital, and Directorates of Public Health, UNDP Albania, International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security (ITF), and the NGO "Albanian Association for Assistance Integration and Development" (ALB-AID).



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### Form D                      Legislation

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (d)                      “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depository [...] on [...]:  
  
(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

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#### LEGISLATION:

**On 11 November 1999, Law No. 8547 on the Ratification of the Convention “On Ban of Use, Storage, Production and Transfer of the APM and their Destruction” was passed in the Republic of Albania. This law brought into legal force the obligations of Albania in terms of the Ottawa Convention.**

**2. Decree No. 2488 dated 23.11.1999 of the President of the Republic of Albania implemented Law No.8547.**

**3. Decision of the Council of Ministers No.269, dated 25.05.2000 “On Ban of Use, Storage, Production and Transfer of the APM and their Destruction”.**

**4. Order of the Minister of Defense No.140 dated 23.04.2001 "On Destruction of the APM recorded in the inventory of the Albanian Armed Forces", initiated the Albanian APM Stockpile Destruction Programme.**

**5. The Law no. 9515, date 18.04.2006 on “The implementation of the convention on the Ban of use, storage, production and transfer of the anti- personnel mines and their destruction” approved by the Parliament.**





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### **TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**

**International organizations such as the GICHD, ICRC, UNMAS and UNDP, University Rehabilitation Institute of Slovenia etc, have supported the programme with specific technical expertise in various areas such as Information Management, Mine Action legislation, Victim Assistance, International Mine Action Technical Standards, etc.**

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### Form F Other relevant matters

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (f)

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Depositary [...] on [...]:

(f) other relevant matters.”

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#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

n/a

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### Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

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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:**

**Destruction of landmines in contaminated areas was carried out through manual demining, Mechanical and dogs in compliance with International Mine Action standards and the National Technical Safety Standards.**  
**In addition, the disposal operations were carried out in accordance with the applicable environmental standards.**

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