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)
☒ Amend 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: 01/10/2011
(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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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

☐ NO

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

\textbf{NOTE}: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

\(^1\) Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
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.
REPORTING PERIOD:
from 01/10/2010 to 30/09/2011

FORM A: Dissemination of information:
☐ changed
☒ unchanged
(last reporting year: 2010)

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: 2010)

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: 2010

☐ 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: 2010

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:

Information to the civilian population

The activities by Croatia to disseminate information about the Convention and the Protocols to the civilian population take place at several levels. The texts of the Convention and all Protocols to the Convention ratified by the Republic of Croatia were published in Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia-International Agreements and are hence available to public as a bulletin in printed version and on web site www.nn.hr. Dissemination of information about the CCW Convention and its protocols to civilian population also includes mine risk education (MRE) activities. Croatian Ministries, Government and State Administrative Offices as well as professional groups working with and for adults and children in Croatia, including NGOs and international organizations, pass specific training according to their role in the national implementation of the Convention and Protocols. 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, fisherman, returnees etc.). The purpose of mine/UXO risk education was to learn and spread knowledge on danger of mines.

In 2010, the Croatian Mine Action Centre 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 and the Ministry of Interior organized panels named "Children in Mine Environment" in elementary schools all over the country. Employees of the Croatian Mine Action Centre, throughout the year, participated in Radio Zagreb broadcast program — Cottage, presenting the most current content and information related to mine action. All actions in education and other activities related to mine danger could have been monitored on the web site of the Croatian Mine Action Centre, which is updated daily and has the latest news. Such practice will be continued in the future. 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. Two more playgrounds for children were built in areas located near the hazardous area. In total, they held 23 lectures on mine danger covering 2875 people, of whom 2177 were children. Explosion protection department of the Ministry of Interior conducted 236 lectures on mine danger that were attended by 18,830 people. Daska Theatre played 51 show, "No, no MI-NE" in the counties in which there are mine suspected areas. The play was seen by 6600 students and teachers.

Any other relevant information:
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: 2010

☒ 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: 2010

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 the Croatian Mine Action Centre and CROMAC- Center for Testing, Development and Training (CROMAC-CTDT) on 30th 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.

International technical information exchange

- In October 2010, CROMAC-CTDT Scientific Council held the Round Table at the Europe House Zagreb, on the topic of Contribution of Croatian science to implementation of Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention and to regional cooperation.
- In October 2010, the project of Technical testing and evaluation for Mineseeker Operations started. The goal of the project is to test the system of airborne minefield detection.
- In November 2010 the project entitled Advanced Intelligence Decision Support System for Mine Suspected Area Assessment started in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is implemented by CROMAC-CTDT with financial support of the USA Government through ITF, and with assistance of the BH Armed Forces. The project foresees the airborne survey of 167 km2 of suspected hazardous area with the aim of its reduction.
- In December 2010, representatives of CROMAC-CTDT and of CROMAC-CTDT Scientific Council visited the Republic of Colombia. Croatian delegation met with high representatives of the Defence Ministry (Ministerio de Defensa Nacional), with representatives of the Army (Ejército Nacional) and with representatives of the National Police (Policía Nacional). Discussions on co-operation were exceptionally successful and signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation is expected.
- In January 2011, CROMAC-CTDT representatives visited the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and had a meeting with the colleagues from the National Programme for Demining and Land Reclamation. The discussions were held regarding the training programme, and it was confirmed that Libyan colleagues will be trained in the Republic of Croatia. This training programme will be defined later by separate agreements.
- In April 2011, CROMAC and CROMAC-CTDT were co-organizers of the 8th International Humanitarian
Demining Symposium which was held in Sibenik, Croatia. The symposium was attended by some 170 participants from all over the world.

- In May 2011, based on the CROMAC-CTDT project, on a decree of the Vice president of the Croatian Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations, and on a Donation Contract, a team of Croatian experts in the field of mine action (CROMAC and CROMAC-CTDT) visited Colombia with the aim of training and preparing the Colombian side for a procedure of proclaiming legislature governing mine action.

- In May 2011, an EOD training course Level 1 finished for candidates from Southeast Europe. The training was conducted by CROMAC-CTDT and financed by the US State Department through ITF.

- In July 2011, representatives of CROMAC and CROMAC-CDTD signed a Memorandum of Understanding with representatives of the Turkish company POLTEK, regarding demining of the Turkish-Syrian border. Croatian representatives were invited for partners because of their reputation in the world of mine action.

International co-operation on mine clearance

The international cooperation on mine clearance of the Republic of Croatia during the above mentioned period was performed thanks to the donors’ contributions from different countries, organizations and individuals. The European Union, United States of America and Germany had the biggest share in financing humanitarian demining activities. Demining projects from the donation of the Government of the USA are implemented through International Trust Fund for Humanitarian Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF). The donation of the GR of Germany was implemented through Arbeiter Samariters Bund (ASB). The Government of Japan has financed demining projects. Other donations are from different NGO’s and organizations like AMCHAM, VIPnet, Lions club and Croatian-American Golf Association.

International technical assistance:

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Cooperation on international level required close cooperation between CROMAC and Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Croatian diplomatic missions throughout the world and Croatian Ministry of Defense. Apart from fulfillment 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 of 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. The main objective of this association is to improve efficiency through a variety of advanced economic processes: changing and improving methodology, components, machines, services and through adaptation and access to new regions, and all for the purpose of establishing a mine action as Croatian export product. International cooperation in the area of sharing Croatian mine action experiences is currently being developed with lot of countries with mine problem. With some of them (Azerbaijan, Yemen, Libya, Ukraine, Turkey, Egypt) CROMAC signed an agreement for cooperation and with others an agreement was made and it is expected to be signed.

Any other relevant information:
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

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(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.