

**EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO 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**

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**Consideration of matters arising from
reports by High Contracting Parties
according to paragraph 4 of Article 13
of the Amended Protocol II**

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

National annual report

Submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the
Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines,
Booby-Traps and Other Devices
as Amended on 3 May 1996 to the CCW

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)

Reporting Formats for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

DATE OF SUBMISSION _____

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF
CONTACT _____
(Organization, telephones, fax, e-mail)

This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

- YES
- NO
- Partially, only the following forms:
- A B C D E F G

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (a) Depository ... on:

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

Remark:

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Information to the armed forces

Standing Committee for Military Affairs introduced this Protocol to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defense. Ministry of Defense distributed the information on Protocol II to the all levels of Armed forces. Chiefs of units informed their superiors on the realization process.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Armed forces participate in demining process in BH and they destroyed all the stocks in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Armed forces - Demining Cell participate in humanitarian demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the demining plan and funds provided. They are accredited for these activities by 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 programmes

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (b) Depository ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

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Mine clearance programmes

Mine Action program exists in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1996. Mine clearance per year in square meters depends mostly on available funds and resources.

Threat is widespread mostly along the confrontation lines of former war parties. Mine Action represent the re- establishment of safe environment in areas contaminated with mines and UXO, aiming to ensure safe environment and economic development. Mine Action activities consist of 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 of demining tasks and 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 were conducted in 2002, as well as mine risk education activities coordinated by the BHMAC

Rehabilitation programmes

Since the end of the war in 1996, there are 1523 mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina of various age groups and origin (internally displaced returnees and local residents). In the structure of victims per age, group 19-39 years is the most endangered, followed by those from 40-60 years of age. About 21% of victims are children up to 18 years. Landmine Victims Assistance- LMVA Sub-strategy was adopted in December 2004 and defined strategic goals referring LMVA to be achieved until 2009. BHMAC established coordination in LMVA program through LMVA policy board consisting of the representatives of ITF, two non-governmental organizations (Stop Mines, Landmine Survivors Network- LSN), Entity ministries of Health, BHMAC and Handicap International.

Several non-governmental organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina working on Landmine Victims rehabilitation program, such as LSN, HOPE 84, Stop Mines, and UDAS. International Trust Fund for Demining and Landmine Victims Assistance is also involved in the region of SE Europe. Cantonal Social Service Centre is providing help to Landmine victims as well.

In 2005 BHMAL started unification of mine victim data from all LMVA organizations. Unified LMVA database will be completed till the end of 2006.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (c) Depository ... on:

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

Remark:

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Contracting Bosnia and reporting for time January December
Party Herzegovina period from 2005 to 2005

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, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (d) Depository ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

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Legislation

Regulated by Bosnia and Herzegovina Demining Law from 2002 and Criminal Law from 2003 under Article 193 (Unauthorized arms traffic and military equipment).

Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (e) 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 improved 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.

International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance

Form F Other relevant matters

Article 13, “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
paragraph 4 (f) Depository ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.”

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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.

Form G Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11,
paragraph 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

Lists of experts and experts agencies

National points of contact on mine clearance
