– COMPLIANCE –

REPORTING FORMS

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)

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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)
☒ Amended 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: 31/03/2012 (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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☐ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐

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.
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**Reporting period:** from 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011

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**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: 2011

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: 2011

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 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. 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:

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 2011, the Croatian Mine Action Centre coordinated a large number of activities related to mine danger awareness. The Association of Croatian Civil Victims of War of the Republic of Croatia, Croatian Red Cross, Croatian Mine Action Centre and the Ministry of Interior organized four panels named "Children in Mine Environment" in elementary schools all over the country. CROMAC organized 24 additional lectures with the same instructors. 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 monitor 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 Mine Action Centre has participated in 17 humanitarian actions that were held in 15 cities. On the improvised minefields, the mine situation in Croatia, the work of deminers and methods of detection of mines and UXO were presented.

In 2011 the Croatian Mine Action Centre, at the request of government bodies, regional and local governments, public enterprises, as well as Croatian citizens, issued 448 insights and/or maps of the mine suspected areas. In addition to cartographic representations and insights, the Croatian Mine Action Centre has developed a unique web application MISportal, available to all internet users, where it is possible to see the locations of mine suspected areas. In 2011, tens of thousands of users, most from abroad, visited MISportal.

“Croatia without Mines” – Trust Fund for Humanitarian Demining of Croatia has launched a project entitled “Education and information of the agricultural population of the danger of landmines”. Croatian Mine Action Centre actively participated in preparation of the project that will start in 2012.

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.

Daska Theatre played 10 shows, “No, no MI-NE” in the counties in which there are mine suspected areas. That completes the project funded by the U.S. Government through the ITF started in 2010. In total, 61 shows were played.

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

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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 170 participants from all over the world. In May 2011, 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-CTDT 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. In July 2011, delegation of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina visited CROMAC-CTDT. In November 2011, a training course entitled “Training for Unexploded Ordnances (UXO) Detection and Removal”, 2nd level, was held. Participants were candidates from Southeast Europe. The training course is conducted by</td>
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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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 FR of Germany was implemented through Arbeiter Samariters Bund (ASB). The Governments of Japan and Monaco have also financed demining projects.
Other donations are from different NGO’s and organizations like AMCHAM, VIPnet, PBZ, Demining Fund of Vukovar-Srijem County 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 and European Affairs, Croatian diplomatic missions throughout the world and Croatian Ministry of Defense. Apart from fulfilment 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 at 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 led 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.

In February 2011 there was a meeting between representatives of CROMAC, “Croatia without Mines” – Trust Fund for Humanitarian Demining of Croatia and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) held in Ljubljana. Participants confirmed long-standing successful cooperation and presented plans for the future. The same delegation visited Montenegro where they met with Deputy Prime Minister and representatives of Regional Centre for training of divers and underwater demining and agreed with the second joint application IPA CBC program Croatia-Montenegro.

In March 2011 the Croatian delegation paid a visit to the Center for the mines of Serbia. It was agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the two centers will be signed.

In April 2011, Director of the Croatian Mine Action Centre met with Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan. They discussed further cooperation between the Croatian Mine Action Centre and Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action regarding the agreement signed in 2009.

Delegation of Federal Republic of Vietnam visited CROMAC in April 2011 in order to become familiar with its work and the possibilities of cooperation in the field of humanitarian demining. They proposed the signing of the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of mine action. The agreement should be signed in 2012.

In July 2011, Iraqi delegation, led by Minister of Environment Mr. Sargon Lazar Slew, visited the Republic of Croatia. During the visit, in the premises of Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Mine Action was signed.

In September 2011 the Agreement on the allocation of EU funds for demining project Croatian-Hungarian border entitled “Rehabilitation of land mine contaminated sites in the Drava-Danube area” was signed. This was the beginning of implementation of the largest project financed by the European Union under the IPA Cross border programme Hungary-Croatia.

From the 28 November to the 2 December 2011 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 11th Meeting of the State Parties to the Ottawa Convention was held. Croatian representatives attended the meeting.
In December 2011, on the recommendation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Croatian experts went for the humanitarian mission to Libya, with aim to train Libyan teams of educators for conducting mine and unexploded ordnance risk education. The mission was fully accomplished and all parties are satisfied with the results.

Any other relevant information: