

## 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

NAME OF THE HIGH  
CONTRACTING PARTY: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

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### Form A                      Dissemination of information

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depositary [...] on [...]:

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

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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#### **INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**

**BH Armed Forces have been aware of Amended Protocol II of the CCW. Members of the BH Armed Forces through the individual and collective training given basic knowledge of international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, including international agreements ratified by B&H.**

**Representatives of the Armed Forces at the proposal of the Ministry of Defense of BiH participate in the work of expert teams dealing with solving UXO and demining of minefields.**

#### **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. Also MRE activities include information to the civilian population.**

**MRE is conducted through public information, education of population and connect with the impact communities by BHMAC and accredited organizations for mine risk education. For school-age children information about mine danger spread through the implementation of the curriculum.**

**In order to warn the population on mine danger BHMAC continuously performs put or renovation mine warning signs.**

**The action of the BH Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the dissemination of information among the civilian population takes place over a demining battalion of the BH Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the activities of MRE why the BH Armed Forces are accredited.**

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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:*

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#### **MINE CLEARANCE 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.**

**In 2015 humanitarian demining operations were conducted on 280 sites with the area of 13,24 km<sup>2</sup>. Out of this, 198 tasks were completed - sampled/demined area is of 11,02 km<sup>2</sup>. In humanitarian operation founded and destroyed 1654 AP mines, 129 AT mines and 677 ERW.**

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### REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

#### LMVA

In this reporting period, there were continuous coordinating activities between BH MAC and organisations/institutions active in the domain of mine/UXO victim's assistance in BiH. Mine/UXO activities were targeted towards preparation of the state progress report for BiH for „ Conferences for countries signatories of the Ottawa Treaty and CCM. Apart from stated above, there was a continuous activities on updating the BHMAIS database, gathering and input of mine related registered incidents/accidents, cluster munition victims as well as mine victims' assistance projects. Within the II phase of implantation of „Land release” project, an additional aspect is included, which encompasses gathering new and review of existing mine/UXO victims' information, which was done in order to establish current status of mine/UXO victims in BiH and improvement of dispersion.

#### MRE

Mine Risk Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina refers to mine action component with the final aim to reduce number of victims and to indicate long term danger by persistent education, media presentation and by raising population awareness. BHMAC organizes trainings for instructors of mine risk education. Integration of mine risk education program within regular education system for primary and secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as distribution of brochures for pupils and teachers are intended to raise awareness and develop their skills so they could become active participants within their communities in reduction of mine/ERW risk.

In 2015, there were continuous coordination meetings of BH MAC representatives and those from mine awareness accredited organisations. Meetings were under technical inspection within mine awareness task realisation. 19 mine awareness projects were realised with 26 158 persons educated about mine hazards.

With the technical and financial support of EUFOR and BH MAC supervision, NGO “Stop Mines”organised two trainings for mine awareness instructors. 55 attendees successfully finished the training.

In 2015, there were 5 973 placed/renewed mine warning signs. BH MAC survey teams have placed 5 873 mine warning signs within general/nontechnical survey operations. Within their mine awareness activities, non-government organisations have placed 100 mine warning signs.

In this reporting period, there were 36 realised projects of permanent marking, with marked area of 2,56 km<sup>2</sup>, 321 individual signs were placed as well as 3 billboards/mine situation information.

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### **Form C                      Technical requirements and relevant information**

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (c)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depositary [...] on [...]:

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

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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to:

**December 2015**

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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:**

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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;”

*Remark:*

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#### 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 1st 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.**

**Law of Defense in BH**

**Demining Law in BH**

**Standards for humanitarian demining in BH**

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

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Article 13,  
paragraph 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:*

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

**In cooperation with 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.**

**Representatives of BiH and the Mine Action Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina during 2015 participated in the "18th The meeting of directors and UN advisors "in Geneva, " 14 Meeting of States Parties "Ottawa Treaty" in Geneva, "The First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions" in Dubrovnik, "12th International Symposium CROMAC" and "25th The meeting SEEMACC" in Biograd, meeting" the Subcommittee on Disarmament, "the Parliament of Germany in Berlin," The 23rd Economic and Environmental Forum“ organised by OSCE in Belgrade.**



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

**Within the project: "The mine action after the flood, the regional response to the crisis, the development of technology and capacity building", in 2015 a workshop was held with the aim of presenting the results of shooting UAV "RMA and Georheo" and Helicopter "Gazelle", the Armed Forces BiH from 2014, as well as training for "Operator for reconnaissance and surveillance" of remotely controlled aircraft that was successfully completed by 13 participants.**

**In 2015 the AF B&H activities continued in the framework of cooperation with:  
NPA in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the implementation of the Plan to strengthen the capacity of demining battalion and EUFOR in the framework of implementation of mine risk education.**



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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.”

*Remark:*

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#### **MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:**

**Mine clearance capacities included a complete equipment of 26 demining companies. They also need to have accreditation from BHMACH to perform such actions. All the employees that work in mine clearance are wearing protective equipment that consists of flack jacket with protection for groins and helmets with visors. For special cases of UXO demolition, companies use ballistic suits. Following equipment is in usage for humanitarian demining activities: 1136 metal detectors, 37 demining machines including all types (medium, light and heavy), excavators, machines for vegetation clearing and 64 mine detection dogs. In Bosnia, mine clearance actions are mostly performed as a combination of mechanical demining, manual detection and mine-searching dogs. BHMACH Standard operating procedures also prescribe the entire methodology of humanitarian demining activities. Frequent use of demining machines puts Croatia among the leading states with industrial mine clearance.**

#### **LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:**

##### **BHMACH:**

**Sasa Obradovic, Acting Director,  
Ahdin Orahovac, Deputy Director,  
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Tarik Serak, Heads offices  
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**There are 26 accredited organizations for mine actions. All information about them we have on our web page: [www.bhmac.org](http://www.bhmac.org)**

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### NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF BH  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS OF BH  
THE DEMINIG COMMISSION OF BH  
BHMAL  
BHMAL web site: [www.bhmal.org](http://www.bhmal.org)

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