

PROTOCOL II ON PROHIBITION 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)

Annual report in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

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Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13/4/a "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository... On...

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

Remark:

High Contracting Party : **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
2006 to December 2006

Reporting for time period from January

Information to the armed forces

Standing Committee for Military Affairs introduced this Protocol to the Ministers of Defence of Federation of BH and Republic of Srpska. Both Ministers of Defence distributed the information on Protocol II to the all levels of Armed forces. Chiefs of units informed their superiors on the realization process.

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

Army demining teams participate in humanitarian demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the demining plan and funds provided, and for these activities armed forces are accredited by the 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 programs**

Article 13/4/b "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
 Depository.... on....

b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina Reporting for time period from **January 2006** to
December 2006

Mine actions 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

Rehabilitation programmes

Since the end of the war in 1996, there are 1578 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. In the last four years there were no mine incidents with children as victims. Landmine Victims Assistance-LMVA sub strategy was adopted in December 2004 and defined strategic goals referring LMVA to be achieved upon 2009. BHMIC established coordination in LMVA programme through LMVA policy board consisting of the representatives of ITF, two non-governmental organizations (Stop Mines, Land mine Survivors Network- LSN), Entity ministries of Health, BHMIC and Handicap International. In 2006 Landmine Victim Information System (LVIS) on landmine victim assistance was established and coordinated by BHMIC. The aim of the LVIS is to provide information on landmine victim needs and help received, organizations, their projects and mine incident location data, as well as to provide donor community with the info on resources needed and ways of their use.

There are a number of non-governmental organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina working on Landmine Victims rehabilitation programme. All of these programmes are coordinated through above mentioned coordinate body and obliged to report on their activities through Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Information System. Cantonal Social Service Centre is providing help to Landmine victims as well.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13/4/c "The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary On

(b) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other
relevant information's pertaining thereto:

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina
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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

NONE

Form D Legislation

Article 13/4 d The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary...on.....

(d) legislation related to this Protocol

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Legislation:

Bosnia and Herzegovina Criminal Law has been annexed to accommodate ban of all the activities
prohibited under the Convention

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

Article 13/4/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 many 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.

Form F Other relevant matters

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(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.