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: 30/03/2017

(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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¹ Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations

☐ NO

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

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

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.
### COMPLIANCE

**SUMMARY SHEET**

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

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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: 2016

☐ 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: 2016

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 and is being updated all the time.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

Dissemination of information about the CCW and its protocols to civilian population is performed through mine risk education (MRE) activities. Croatian Ministries, Offices of the Government and State Administrative Offices as well as 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), Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC), Ministry of Interior (MoI) and number of relevant NGOs (Association of Civil Victims of the Homeland War; Association "MineAid"; Trust Fund "Croatia without Mines”; Association "Croatia Helps”; Association of the Homeland War Veterans of Military Police) are active in events and lectures where MRE messages are disseminated.

Any other relevant information:

n/a
FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

"The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;"

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☑ Additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2016

☑ Additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2016

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

In order to ensure the best possible long-term reliability of explosive ordinance, Republic Croatia applies best practices and operating procedures with respect to its storage, transport, field storage and handling in accordance with the following:

- Management of explosive ordinance in Armed Forces is regulated by Ministry of Defence and General Staff of Armed Forces of Republic of Croatia with:
  - Directive on storage protection and handling of explosive ordinance, MoD Zagreb dated 1998
  - Decree on transport of explosive ordinance, MoD dated 2006
  - Directive on chemical balance of gunpowder dated 2000
  - Directive on explosive ordnance quality control in MoD and AF dated 2005
  - Directive on maintaining of explosive ordnance in AF dated 2004
  - Directive on record keeping of out of date and faulty explosive ordnance dated 2005
  - Directive on managing with the existing quantities of explosive ordnance in AF dated 1997

  Currently in the Croatian Armed Forces, process of implementation of NATO norms and standards in the area of explosive ordinance safekeeping is going on. Decision of the Defence Minister for the planning period to year 2015 defined:
  - Types and quantities of usable explosive ordnance, their storage and maintenance;
  - Types and quantities of usable and perspective classical rocket ammo that could be used for live-firing, quality control, life cycle oversight and its extension;
  - Types and quantities of explosive ordnance that are not longer usable and needs to be removed by delaboration and destruction

Any other relevant information:

n/a
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

④The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

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☑ additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year 2016

☑ additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2016

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

Production of all types of arms and military equipment in the Republic of Croatia is regulated through the Act on the Production, Overhaul and Trade in Arms and Military Equipment, adopted on 25 March 2002 (Official Gazette 33/2002). The law regulates safety and protection of methods of producing and refitting arms and military equipments.

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

n/a
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: 2016

☒ 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: 2016

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

- Government Office for Mine Action, Croatian Mine Action Centre and CROMAC-CTDT jointly organized the 13th International Symposium and Equipment Exhibition "MINE ACTION 2016" which was held in Biograd in April 2016.
- Croatian Mine Action Centre and the Center for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise of the Republic of Armenia (CHDE) signed the "Agreement on Cooperation in Mine Action" in April 2016.

International technical assistance:

After the completion of the TIRAMISU project, funded by the European Union, which lasted from 2012 to 2015, in order to further exploit the tools developed as part of the project, in 2016 the Explosive Knowledge Centre (EKC) was established as a community of experts in counter explosive action. The seat of the EKC is in Belgium, at the premises of the International CBRNE Institute and HCR-CTRO is one of the founding members and member of the Steering Committee.

In September 2016, the following research projects were conducted at CROMAC-CTDT test site in Benkovac:
- a research team from Manchester University, together with the University of Zagreb, conducted two research projects of testing of experimental mine detection equipment; their aim was to resolve problems in discerning targets in non-cooperative soils and to investigate advanced electromagnetic detectors. The testing was funded by the "Find a Better Way", a charity from the United Kingdom.
- researchers from the St. Andrews University from Scotland, UK, conducted field testing of sensors for detection of explosive particles, in cooperation with the University in Zadar. The sensors analyse the air from beehives, which contain pollen collected by honeybees in a mine contaminated area.

Any other relevant information:
| n/a |
FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

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Other relevant matters:

n/a