

**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 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**

Reporting for time period from January to December 2009

**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 BHMAL.

**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 to December 2009

**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**

In 2009, representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre, continuously active in domain of mine victims' assistance, held three (3) coordination and several individual meetings with representatives of competent ministries as well as nongovernmental sector to exchange information. Mutual briefing, preparation and improvement of the work in domain of LMVA have been main aim of these meetings. The coordination with the BA authorities and NGOs has been enhanced providing the first precondition to achieve full awareness of the BA authorities at all levels on the problems faced by landmine victims of landmines as well as current activities in the field. Representatives of BHMIC actively participated in all workgroups and other activities organized by nongovernmental organizations dealing with LMVA issues. During reporting period data on mine victims have been continuously collected and entered in LMVA database of BHMIC, and reports made available to all interested parties.

Besides, the report of Bosnia and Herzegovina pursuant to Article 5 of Ottawa Convention regarding landmine victims' assistance has been made. In 2009, the successful realization of the project 'Revision of national database on landmine victims' concluded the first phase of LMVA review. Further activities include updates and additions of the landmine victims' data in order to harmonize the LMVA database with databases of competent ministries. The BHMIC provided continuous support to the project's implementer and the office for data entry until the very end of the project. Moreover, continuous improvement of informative system for LMVA resulted in modernization of LMVA database. At the end of 2009, in database of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre has been registered 19 organizations engaged in activities of landmine victims' assistance.

**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                      Reporting for time period from January to December 2009

**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 Depository.....on.....  
(d) legislation related to this Protocol

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina    Reporting for time period from January    to    December 2009

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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;

**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 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 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**

Article 13/4/f

The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository....on.....  
(f) other relevant matters

Remark:

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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.