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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) and has the honour to enclose herewith the report of the Republic of Serbia in accordance with a Compliance mechanism applicable 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 (CCW) and the report of the Republic of Serbia in accordance with Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2 of the Amended Protocol II to the CCW, covering the year 2014.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 19 June 2015

*United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)*  
*CCW Secretariat*  
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*Geneva*

## 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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### SUMMARY SHEET

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2, pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

NAME OF THE HIGH  
CONTRACTING PARTY: REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: June 19<sup>th</sup>2015

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF  
CONTACT: Arms Control Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Serbia  
(Organization, telephones, fax, e-mail)

This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

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Reporting for time period

from: **1 January 2014**  
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to: **31 December 2014**  
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**Form A:** Dissemination of information:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2013)

**Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2013)

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

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2013)

**Form D:** Legislation:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2013)

**Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2013)

**Form F:** Other relevant matters:

changed  
 unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2013)

**Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:

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### REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

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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:

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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

The Serbian Armed Forces have consistently applied procedures as defined in the Additional Protocol II and there are no changes in the manner of dissemination of data to members of the Serbian Armed Forces about it.

#### **INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**

The Mine Action Centre of the Republic of Serbia, as a national coordinating body in charge of humanitarian demining/mine action activities in the Republic of Serbia carries out a number of efforts to ensure that the civilians from affected communities are not injured by mines, cluster munitions and other UXO including through the following methods:

-Marking;

The whole area suspected to be contaminated with various types of mines has been visibly marked with “STOP UXO” signs in Serbian and Albanian languages, given that it is an area with multiethnic population. Areas contaminated with cluster munitions, air bombs – rockets and other UXO, have been also marked correspondingly. Marking is conducted by the Serbian Mine Action Centre (SMAC) and within its regular activities the SMAC periodically visits contaminated locations making sure that these signs remain emplaced.

-Risk education;

Locals of the affected communities are being informed about demining activities through a number of means and media. Mine risk education has been conducted in schools and affected communities. In accordance with the IMAS, during demining operations, evacuation of people from houses, shops and other communal locations located within the zone of demining works is

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conducted. Suspension of traffic on the roads within the zone of demining operations is conducted, too. In relation to that, the SMAC coordinates activities with local authorities, school authorities and other relevant state bodies (Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Transport), local media means in communities where demining operations are conducted.

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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:**

The Serbian Armed Forces does not possess anti-personnel (AP) mines, booby traps and other devices which are prohibited by the Ottawa Convention

The Serbian Mine Action Centre (founded in 2002) is a national coordinating body in charge of humanitarian demining/mine action activities in the Republic of Serbia. The SMAC develops, implements and reviews a three year program of humanitarian demining/mine action activities with an annual work plan, which is adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

At the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on their Destruction, which was held in the period 2-6 December 2013, Geneva, the Republic of Serbia was granted a 5 year extension of the deadline for fulfilment of its obligations under Article 5 of the Convention. Accordingly, Serbia should fulfil its obligations before 1 March 2019 (in the municipalities of Bujanovac and Preševo confirmed hazardous area totalled 1.385.215 sqm and suspected hazardous area, totaled around 2.080.000 sqm).

In 2014, two demining project tasks developed by the SMAC, totalling 270.616 sqm were implemented in the Municipality of Preševo. The funds have been donated, through ITF, by the US State Department. After conducting demining on these locations in the Preševo Municipality, during which only UXO was discovered, as well as after a re-survey of cleared and surrounding suspected area, the MAC excluded the surrounding mine suspected area from the category of mine suspected. Thus, in the Municipality of Preševo, according to available data, there is no more confirmed hazardous area, as well as mine suspected area. The area cleared, and area cancelled, were close to a school, so that land releasing of this area, primarily contributed to

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increase of safety of children and teachers who, on a daily basis, were passing by the mine suspected area on their way to school. Land release also contributed to a safe exploitation of woods, safe use of road communications, environmental protection, reduction of fire risks.

Based on the results of a demining project in Bujanovac in 2012 when on a relatively large area (75,987 m<sup>2</sup>) a relatively small number of mines (4 AP mines) was discovered, as well as on the results of survey operations and subsequent statements of the local population, the SMAC has decided to convey the area initially categorized as confirmed hazardous area (defined as such according to then available relevant indicators) and suspected hazardous area into mine suspected hazardous area (around 3.000.000 sqm), which will be, in order to achieve effectiveness and cost efficiency, treated with an integrated approach that includes survey, manual demining, MDD, as well as mechanical demining.

### REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

The Ministry of Labour, Employment, War veterans and Social Affairs is the relevant governmental authority of the Republic of Serbia in charge of protection, rights and financial support to war veterans, civilian invalids of war, family members of war victims veterans, civilian invalids of war and family members of civilian victims of war.

The Law on the Rights of Civilian Invalids of War entered into force in 1996. by which the rights are regulated as follows: Disability living allowance; Supplement for care and aid by another person; orthopaedic allowance; Health care and financial allowance related to health care implementation; Free and privileged transport; Allowance for food and accommodation during travel and stay in another place upon invitation of relevant authorities; Monthly financial allowance; Funeral expenses payment.

All anti-personnel mine victim survivors in the Republic of Serbia are covered by the system of health care on different levels:

- Emergency medical care;
- Treatment;
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation;
- Supplying with prosthetic and orthotic aid;

Landmine victims are treated in specialized institutions for prosthetic and orthotic rehabilitation – The Specialized hospital for rehabilitation and orthopedic prosthetics Belgrade, Rehabilitation clinics, Health centers, Departments for physical therapy and rehabilitation within general hospitals, workshops for production of prosthetic aids.

The Ministry of Labour, Employment, War veterans and Social Affairs is the relevant governmental authority of the Republic of Serbia in charge on the professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disability. The Law on professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disability was adopted in our country and it entered into force on May 23, 2009. This law regulates the employment incentives to create conditions for equal inclusion of people with disabilities in labour market; the work ability; professional rehabilitation; obligations of employment of people with disabilities; conditions for establishing and conducting business enterprises for vocational rehabilitation and employment of persons



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with disabilities and other special forms of employment and the employment of people with disabilities; other issues of importance to professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities.

This law is based on the principles: respect for human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities; inclusion of persons with disabilities in all spheres of social life on an equal basis - in accordance with professional skills; encourage employment of persons with disabilities in appropriate jobs and appropriate working conditions; prohibiting discrimination against persons with disabilities, in accordance with the law; equal rights and obligations; gender equality of persons with disabilities.

Rights under this law achieves a disabled person who has determined the status of person with disabilities. Status of persons with disabilities has: 1) war veteran; 2) peacetime veteran; 3) civilian invalid of war; 4) the person to whom categorization was made and the other person whose disability is determined, in accordance with the law; 5) a person who is in accordance with the pension and disability insurance determined by disability category and the remaining work capacity; 6) a person in accordance with this law, according to the assessment of working ability that has a possibility of employment or maintenance of employment.

On the basis of Article 13, paragraph 2 of the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities („Official Gazette of RS”, No. 36/09), the Minister in charge for employment, the Minister in charge for health protection and the Minister in charge for education bring the rulebook on closer conditions, criteria, and standards for carrying out the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation. This Rulebook regulates closer conditions, criteria and standards for carrying out the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities.

A person with disability is included in the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation for the purpose of increasing the level of employability, employment, employment sustainability, promotion or changing of professional carrier and stimulating the inclusion of persons with disabilities into all spheres of social life on an equal basis.

The person with disability is also included in the measures of active employment policy, for the purpose of carrying out professional rehabilitation, increasing the employability or the employment level.

The measures and the activities from the paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article are carried out in accordance with this Rulebook and the National Employment Agency's Act (hereinafter referred to as: National Agency).

The measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation necessary to be carried out as a part of a complete rehabilitation of an individual, as well as the measures of an active employment policy for the purpose of increasing the level of employability or employment of an unemployed person with disability are defined by an individual employment plan between the National Agency and that person on the basis of the assessment of his/her professional capacities.

Other measures foreseen by the employment action plan may be defined by the individual employment plan mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article or regulated in another way in accordance with the criteria and standards provided for in this Rulebook.

The measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation necessary to be carried out as a part of rehabilitation of an employed person with disability are defined on the basis of the pre-assessment of the jobs such a person is able to perform.

Professional rehabilitation and the measures of active employment policy under the general

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conditions imply carrying out the measures and the activities within the groups including the persons with disabilities and other unemployed persons, namely, under the conditions foreseen for unemployed persons, in any case when it is possible, upon the evaluation of the experts from the National Agency.

Professional rehabilitation and the measures of active employment policy according to adapted programmes imply carrying out the measures and the activities adapted to the needs of a person with disability, assessment of professional capacities and working capabilities, as well as the labour market needs.

The National Agency carries out the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation if a person with disability:

- 1) Offers complete, comprehensive and true data that are relevant for professional rehabilitation;
- 2) joins the assessment of working capability and includes him/herself in the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation, in accordance with the individual employment plan;
- 3) attends professional rehabilitation on regular basis;
- 4) follows the working programme and attends practical and theoretical lessons;
- 5) does his/her best in order to fulfil the procedure of professional rehabilitation as successful as possible;
- 6) uses rationally the tools, material and working means;
- 7) respects the working hours;
- 8) fulfils other obligations for the purpose of successful realization of the measures and the activities in professional rehabilitation;

Mutual rights and obligations between the holder of professional rehabilitation and a person with disability may be regulated by an agreement.

Steering committee of National Agency at 13 of February 2012. bring the Rulebook on methods and criteria for the implementation of active labour market (employment policy) of a persons with disability. Active policy of employment of people with disabilities includes measures to encourage employment and self employment of people with disabilities, measures and activities of vocational rehabilitation in order to qualify for a suitable job, employment, maintaining employment, promotion or change of career; Active policy measures implemented by the National Agency; Relations between National Agency and the recipients of active labour market measures persons with disabilities regulated by the contract; Active labour employment of people with disabilities constitute State aid for employment of people with disabilities and

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can be assigned to the employer in the form of subsidies for the salaries and benefits for the additional costs of employing people with disabilities.

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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:*

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#### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

In accordance with Article 7 of the Ottawa Convention, the Ministry of Defence and the Serbian Armed Forces has in its possession 3,149 pieces of AP mines intended for training of personnel and testing of protective equipment. Measurements taken at the level of the Ministry of Defence and the Serbian Armed Forces which contribute to meeting the technical requirements of the Convention and the supplementary protocols are reflected in the fact that the assets are not available to the unauthorized persons, that are kept in the warehouses under control, so that the possibility of their misuse is practically eliminated.

#### **ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

Training of all professional members of the Serbian Armed Forces, as well as training of volunteers in proper and safe handling of mines and explosive ordnance within the armaments of the Serbian Armed Forces, is realized based on the existing rules and instructions aligned with the provisions of the Protocol.

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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  
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

*Remark:*

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#### **LEGISLATION:**

The Serbian Armed Forces consistently applies procedures defined in the Additional Protocol II, and there are no changes compared to the previous reporting period.

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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:**

The Serbian Armed Forces is capable of rendering necessary expert assistance to the countries accessing to Protocol II and is trained and equipped for offering assistance to other countries in organization, training and in the very process of mine detection and destruction.

The Serbian Mine Action Centre retains vast expertise in mine clearance and cluster munitions clearance, in particular as regards survey, project tasks developing, quality control and governing of mine clearance and cluster munitions clearance project tasks.

#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

The Serbian Mine Action Centre achieves international cooperation with numerous subjects in the field of mine action.

Cooperation with the ITF, as well as regional cooperation through various forms of the work of the Southeastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council, known as SEEMACC, give good results in the field of mine action.

After the foundation of the SMAC, ITF strongly supported the SMAC at first providing donations for training of personnel, technical equipping and survey of the mine suspected area, and in 2003 started funding our projects for humanitarian demining.

ITF and the SMAC signed the memorandum of Understanding which further enhances cooperation between the SMAC and ITF.

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

The Serbian Mine Action Centre is willing to share experience and lessons learned from the ongoing and completed operations.

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### Form F                      Other relevant matters

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (f)

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

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#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:**

<p>The Ministry of Defence and the Serbian Armed Forces do not have additional information related to the implementation of the said Protocol.</p>
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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.”

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

The Serbian Armed Forces is qualified for destruction of mine fields for the purpose of reducing the risks and effects of mines and explosive ordnance in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

The following methods have been employed in Serbia for SMAC projects to release areas known or suspected to contain mines:

- Cancellation through survey
- Manual demining
- Mechanical demining
- Canine demining

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

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