

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**
2007 to December 2007

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 2007** to **December 2007**

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

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Rehabilitation programmes

Since the end of the war in 1996, there are 1628 mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina of various age groups and origin (internally displaced returnees and local residents). There is significant increase in number of mine victims in 2007. All casualties are adults male, who in most cases ignored mine signs and entered risk area, trying to improve their economic situations, mainly to collect firewood. In following period is necessary that all organization engaged in MRE activities, as well as local authorities and forestry sector adapt their programs and activities to educations needs of this target group as a priority group.

The Strategic plan summary has been evaluated and all preparation of mine action Strategy, namely Sub- strategy for mine victims' assistance done. Strategic projection of budget for activities of mine victims' assistance in period 2009-2019 was drafted. Activities on coordination of LMVA started, on the national level, whereby first precondition for implementation of information on all authorities levels in BiH, their familiarity with problems of mine victims as well as activities on that field taken so far. Informative system for mine victims' assistance have been presented in front of all relevant authority factors and adapted in whole. Out of 7 memorandums for cooperation sent to ministries, two have been signed. Assembling of a list of organization engaged in mine victims' assistance is still ongoing, web site www.bhmac.org has been redone, and it's now in process of adaptation for forum needs and placement of mine victims legislative. Activities on revision of database for mine victims started. In scope of these activities, volunteers of Red Cross have been trained that will revise data on the fill until October 2008. To improve cooperation two memorandums have been signed with two organizations, two more are expected, while three are in preparation process.

Questionnaire of mine victim and new forms were introduced and implemented, and database being filled with organization data. Until 31 December 2007, 12 organization engaged in mine victims assistance have been registered. Through report forms, organizations currently implement 5 projects, while other 5 are announced and waiting for potential donors. Merci Corps submitted 246 mine victims' files and on the site of BHMAC, www.bhmac.org is opened forum for mine victims' assistance.

Form C

Technical requirements and relevant information

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

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:

High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina Reporting for time period from **January 2007**
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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 Depositary....on....

(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.