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*Stalna misija Bosne i Hercegovine pri OSCE, UN i drugim međunarodnim org. u Beči*  
*Стална мисија Босне и Херцеговине при ОЕБС, УН и другим међународним орг. у Бечу*  
*Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office*  
*at Vienna, OSCE and other International Organizations, V I E N N A*

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### NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE, United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Delegations and Permanent Missions of the Participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honor to provide herewith the Bosnia and Herzegovina's reply to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of War for the year 2023.

The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE, United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of the opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions and Delegations of all OSCE participating States and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, Jun 03, 2024



**To: OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)**  
**All Delegations/Permanent Missions to the OSCE**  
**V I E N N A**

**OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**  
**To be submitted no later than 31 May of each year (starting in May 2005)**

**Part I**

1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

*YES. Bosnia and Herzegovina is a State Party since 07<sup>th</sup> September 2000.*

**If yes:**

2. Please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

*Please find attached annual report for 2023 submitted in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol with all relevant information on questions related to the Amended Protocol II on prohibitions or restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby - Traps and Other devices.*

**If no:**

3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II?

4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?

5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.

6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.

**Part II**

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?

*YES. Bosnia and Herzegovina is a State Party since 08<sup>th</sup> September 1998.*

8.(a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

*Please find attached annual report for 2023 submitted in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention with all relevant information on questions related to the Convention on the Prohibition*

*of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.*

(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?

(c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

*Bosnia and Herzegovina hasn't passed the Law about implementation on the Conventions. In Bosnia and Herzegovina Conventions and Protocols from the area of Mine Action are ratified by Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and published in Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina. 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 humanity and values protected under international law – Articles 193 and 193 a.*

9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?

*Bosnia and Herzegovina has a very developed system of health care with clinics, clinical centres, specialised semi-clinics, hospitals and rehabilitation centres. In order to increase the availability of services in local communities, there are additionally opened Rehabilitation Centres (CBR) as well as Centres for Mental Health (CMZ) at more than 60 separate location within Bosnia and Herzegovina. Additionally, as for the resolving problems of mine victims, i.e. reduction of so called "phantom pain there are centres for pain relief and medical personnel specifically trained for assisting in these centres. Equipping mine victims with prosthetics' in on a high level. The country partially of fully pays for the prosthetics costs. Achievements of Bosnia and Herzegovina in health care is visible through the fact that mine victims point out the social aspect of the problem rather than the medical one. Apart from all efforts, there is a necessity for personnel improvement in health system as well as widening of the health services offered. Law and regulations which reflect on mine victims are under the authority of Entities and Brčko District, and they are more and more in accordance with approaches to disabled persons in the countries of EU. Bosnia and Herzegovina within its constitutional frames provides protections for persons who need it, primarily disabled persons, between them civilian war victims, i.e. mine victims. In both Entities, there are Funds for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment for disabled. Based on the health care regulations, conditions were secured and defined through these funds for the realisation of rights and benefits, with the aim to improve professional rehabilitation and employment of disabled persons, regardless of the cause of their disability. There are various projects supported by the Government sector but also by activities of the NGO's which work on projects of economical re-socialisation and mine victims reintegration, along with their families. We must point out that general decrease in international financial aid reflects to the decrease in mine victim assistance and reduction of NGO sector activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina related to mine victims.*

10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.

*In 2023, the suspected hazardous area in Bosnia and Herzegovina was reduced by 32 km<sup>2</sup>. Through non-technical methods (systematic and general / non-technical survey) by the BiH Mine Action Center cancelled 16,38 km<sup>2</sup>. Technical reduction methods cover an area of 15,66 km<sup>2</sup> through: cancelled area on MSA 9,26 km<sup>2</sup>, reduced area on MSAs 4,18 km<sup>2</sup>, technical survey 1,32 km<sup>2</sup>, and the total mine clearance 0.36 km<sup>2</sup>.*

*In Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2023, a total of 814 mines were found and destroyed, of which 786 anti-personnel mines, 28 anti-tank mines, 434 pieces of cluster munitions and 590 pieces of UXO. We estimate that the remaining number of expected mines in BiH is 170.657.*

*In 2023, according to the data available to the Mine Action Centre in BiH, funds were spent totalling 30.475.396 BAM. National resources totalled 18.181.230 BAM, and international (donors'), 12.294.166 BAM.*

*In 2023, Bosnia and Herzegovina had accredited 24 mine action organizations, of which: 10 commercial organizations, 9 non-governmental organizations and 5 governmental organizations (Armed Forces of BiH, Federal Administration of Civil Protection, Republic Administration of Civil Protection of Republic of Srpska, Civil Protection of Brcko District and Red Cross of BiH). Within accredited organisations, 1.048 persons were engaged who possess the accreditation and licence for work in mine action activities, i.e. 624 deminers and 320 persons authorised for the conduct of managerial and supervision tasks (team leaders, site leaders, operational officers, quality assurance officers, EDD teams trainers, dog handlers, operators etc.).*

*Bosnia and Herzegovina has necessary human and technical resources for the conduct of humanitarian demining operations and other mine action, but it requires aid in securing the firm and continuous financing for the conduct of stated operations.*

11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.

*YES. To the international community involved with mine action BHMIC can offer the following:*

- Assistance during the organization of national mine action centres,*
- Laws, by-laws and normative regulations,*
- Establishment of mine information system and geoinformation system, digitalisation of maps,*
- Planning system – preparation of national programs and operative plans,*
- Definition of suspected hazardous area and marking,*
- Quality assurance and quality control over humanitarian demining operations,*
- Education of humanitarian demining executors (deminers, auxiliary workers and management),*
- Mine risk education, primarily local population and children,*
- Mine victim assistance.*

**OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR**  
**To be submitted on a voluntary basis along with the OSCE Questionnaire on**  
**Anti-personnel Mines no later than 31 May each year.**

1. Has your country notified the Depositary of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force? Is your country considering doing so?

*Yes*

2. If yes, at what stage is the process?

*Please find attached Annual report for 2023 with all relevant information on questions related to the CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).*

3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

*No*

4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

*Accredited organizations for EOD operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the Mine Action system already have significant role in various international projects and forms of cooperation, especially throughout the region of SE Europe. Bosnia and Herzegovina can offer experience know-how in various aspects of Mine Action.*

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**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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### REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH  
CONTRACTING PARTY: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 26.03.2024.

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF  
CONTACT: Ministry of Civil Affairs of BH / The  
Demining Commission of BH /BHMAC,  
Trg BiH 1 Sarajevo Tel/ Fax. No. +387  
33 445 082/+387 33 206 466/+387 33 253  
800  
  
Ministry of Defense BH /00 387 33 285  
500/ 00 387 206 094  
(Organization, telephones, fax, e-mail)

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

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ 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:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reporting for time period

from: 01.01.2023.

dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31.12.2023.

dd/mm/yyyy

#### INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

BH Armed Forces have been aware of Amended Protocol II of the CCW. Members of the BH Armed Forces through the individual and collective training given basic knowledge of international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, including international agreements ratified by B&H.

Representatives of the Armed Forces at the proposal of the Ministry of Defense of BiH participate in the work of expert teams dealing with solving UXO and demining of minefields.

#### 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. Also MRE activities include information to the civilian population.

MRE is conducted through public information, education of population and connect with the impact communities by BHMACE and accredited organizations for mine risk education. For school-age children information about mine danger spread through the implementation of the curriculum.

In order to warn the population on mine danger BHMACE continuously performs put or renovation mine warning signs.

The action of the BH Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the dissemination of information among the civilian population takes place over a demining battalion of the BH Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the activities of MRE why the BH Armed Forces are accredited.

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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:*

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reporting for time period

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to: 31.12.2023.

dd/mm/yyyy

#### MINE CLEARANCE 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.**

**In 2023, total cleared area of 31,99 km<sup>2</sup>, 814 mines and 484 pieces of ERW were found and destroyed during the stated operations.**

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### REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

#### VICTIM ASSISTANCE

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS implemented a project called "Empowerment of amputees, mine victims through economic support". The donor/partner of this project is the Fund for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of the Disabled FROM Prijedor. Achieved results: provided economic support in the procurement of equipment, machines, tools in agriculture for 17 beneficiaries, victims of mines in the Republic of Srpska. The support included the purchase of equipment, machines and tools, livestock, greenhouses, tillers, motor cultivators, etc.

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS realized the project "Beekeeping as a tool in empowering landmine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina - phase 3". Partners/donors of the project are: ITF Slovenia, Beekeeping Academy of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska. As part of this project, on March 29, 2023, the Beekeeping Center for mine victims in Banja Luka was opened. The aim of the opening of the Center was to be a place where beekeepers, landmine victims and all interested beekeeping enthusiasts will be able to get necessary information about beekeeping, starting with education, necessary equipment in beekeeping, information about new technologies, challenges in the field of beekeeping etc. The role of the center is also reflected in connecting users, beekeepers with service providers such as funds, agencies and other institutions that can be of importance in the development of small businesses in beekeeping for mine victims and other disabled people. The center has engaged an expert team that will work directly with users in the field and provide the necessary advisory support to beekeepers.

An educational training for mine victims was held from March 29 to 30, 2023, attended by 52 participants, of which 42 were mine victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5 representatives of the Faculty of Agriculture of Banja Luka and the City of Banja Luka and 1 woman with a disability. The aim of the training is to train mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina to run small businesses in the field of beekeeping, the possibility of purchasing some equipment for beekeeping, as well as a way to network mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping. As part of the project, the procurement of equipment for users, victims of landmines, was ensured. Beekeeping equipment was purchased for 2 beneficiaries, mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping and who were participants in the educational training and are members of the Association of beekeepers with disabilities and women "BEE".

The "Investing in Action 2023" project was implemented by UDAS in 2023 and the project partner is the International Mine Ban Coalition ICBL, Geneva. As part of the project, a meeting was held with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Srpska, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, representatives of the civil sector, organizations of persons with disabilities. During the meeting, they discussed the current status and position of mine victims in the Republic of Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Festive ceremony that marked successful completion of the mine victim assistance project in the Herzegovina region financed by Federal Republic of Germany, was held in Mostar on September 27, 2023. Deputy German Ambassador Bernhard Abels and attache for defense Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte had the opportunity to meet landmine victims from Mostar, Konjic, Trebinje, Gacko and Nevesinje who received new prostheses and talked about their positive experiences from this project. Secretary of BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs Mrs. Biljana Čamur attended this ceremony. Through this project Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented making prosthesis for 19 mine

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victims. Continuation of the project it is guaranteed by signing agreement for mine victim assistance in the region of northeastern Bosnia which was officially signed at this occasion between the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Promotion of the mine victim assistance project for the region of northeastern Bosnia was held in Tuzla on December 28, 2023. A meeting was organized between users of the project and donor - German Embassy in Sarajevo represented by Deputy Ambassador Bernhard Abels and military attache Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte. Project of mine victim assistance included 18 mine victims in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They have received new and high quality modern prostheses, ensuring not only functionality but also satisfactory high aesthetic standards. During the event, deputy Ambassador Bernhard Abels and Mirna Pavlović from BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs addressed the participants and emphasized importance of provision of continuous support to victims of mines in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Users expressed sincere gratitude and satisfaction to the representatives of donor after completion of the project. Mine victim assistance project was implemented by Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina MDDC. From beginning of cooperation with MDDC, Federal Republic of Germany helped total of 110 victims of mines. Empowerment of mine victims through production of quality prosthesis is key to improvement of theirs life, mobility and integration into society.

In December 2023, a round table was held on the topic "BiH without mines, victims and barriers". 19 landmine victims participated in the meeting. The topic was the current status of victims in BiH as well as issues related to mine action. The importance of empowering landmine victims and their quality integration into the community was also emphasized.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Coordination Body for assistance to victims of mines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war as an expert and advisory body of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established in 2018. The task of this body is coordination with all organizations and institutions involved in assisting mine victims. The mandate of the Coordination Body expired in 2022. In 2023 the work of the Coordination Body was not established, which in the previous period faced a number of objective limitations, including the impossibility of making decisions due to the lack of a quorum as well as the COVID 19 pandemic. In the course of 2024, the work of this body is expected to be re-established.

### MRE

In 2023, apart from BHMIC survey teams also demining organizations, organizations for mine risk education, EUFOR, and International Organization for Migration (IOM) took participation in this activity. The total number of mine educated persons was 61.489.

Number of people received risk education during the reporting period excluding Media

|                | Men   | Women | Boys   | Girls  | Total  |
|----------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Local civilian | 3.149 | 2.868 | 28.009 | 27.126 | 61.152 |
| Refugee        | 285   | 52    | 0      | 0      | 337    |
| Total          | 3.434 | 2.920 | 28.009 | 27.126 | 61.489 |

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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:*

High Contracting Party:

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Reporting for time period

from: **01.01.2023.**

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to:

**31.12.2023.**

*dd/mm/yyyy*

#### **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:**

**814 mines and 484 pieces of ERW, CBU 194 pieces, were found and destroyed during the stated operations.**

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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:*

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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#### 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 1st 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.**

**Law of Defense in BH**

**Demining Law in BH**

**Standards for humanitarian demining in BH**

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| <b>Form E</b> | <b>International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance</b> |
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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:*

High Contracting Party:

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### INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

In cooperation with 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:

### TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

As part of marking the 4th of April, the International Mine Awareness Day, in the presence of representatives of local authorities, national and foreign organizations and the media, in the area of MSA Vojkovići, the municipality of Istočna Ilidža, representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre in cooperation with the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, once again drew attention to the fact that our country is still one of the most mine-threatened in Europe and in the world with over 500,000 endangered citizens. In May 2023, representatives of the Mine Action Center in BiH successfully completed the Course on Quality Management Systems in Mine Action, which was held in Podgorica, Republic of Montenegro. The great importance of mine action management and the urgent

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need for greater cross-border cooperation in order to solve the challenges posed by the mine threat were highlighted.

Also in May it was held the Second Conference on mine action and the path to achieving sustainable goals during which representatives of regional agencies for mine action had a meeting attended by representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro and Azerbaijan. They discussed the need to strengthen regional cooperation and the implementation of projects that would mobilize the necessary financial resources, all with the aim of achieving a common goal and finally eliminating the mine danger. The importance of cooperation with neighboring centers and the exchange of experience and knowledge was emphasized, as well as the need to work on new, more efficient and effective methods.

Also during May 2023, representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre participated in the Second International Conference on mine action and achieving sustainable development goals. The conference was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, organized by ANAMA-Azerbaijan State Mine Action Agency, with the aim of building new partnerships between mine-affected countries and mobilizing resources to accelerate the achievement of a mine-free world, including ongoing efforts to advocate for the new Mine Action SDG . In May 2023 representatives of the Bureau of Military and Political Affairs from the State Department visited the Mine Action Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina. They discussed current issues related to the implementation of mine action projects and the continuation of the State Department's support for their implementation. Once again, the importance of continuous investments and efforts to establish security and enable the development of the whole country was expressed.

In June 2023, in cooperation with the Norwegian People's Aid from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Laos, the Mine Action Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina was visited by representatives of the National Mine Action structures of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos. During the visit, the system of anti-mine structures in our country was presented to the esteemed guests, as well as the role of BHMIC and the remaining issues of mine removal and ERW.

During the participation in the regular intersessional meetings held in June 2023 in Geneva, we once again reminded as a country that we are strongly committed to the final elimination of the remaining mines and unexploded ordnance.

During June 2023, representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre participated in the Review Conference on the topic of the Legislative framework, current situation and plans of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of defense and protection. The conference was organized by the Joint Commission for Defense and Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with the OSCE Mission, with the aim of reviewing the current situation in the field of defense and security. It was pointed out that the Revision of the existing Mine Action Strategy aims at harmonizing all activities with the deadline set in accordance with the Ottawa Convention and that in addition to the time frame, emphasis will be placed on the capacity and readiness of local authorities to participate in the implementation of demining operations.

In July 2023, the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center attended the promotion of a 3D model of the Carniola bee, which aims to highlight the importance of the role of bees as the most important pollinators and their significant contribution to mitigating climate change and preserving the environment. It was emphasized the importance of supporting landmine victims in the field of beekeeping, which will improve their recovery, rehabilitation and empowerment in social flows.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center participated at the 26th Meeting of the Mine



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Action Directors and UN Advisors entitled "Mine Action Can't Wait", traditionally organized by UNMAS in cooperation with the Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining and with the support of Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As part of the meeting, a series of plenary sessions were held on the topic of mine action, and the representatives of BHMAL on the topic of Integration of the impact of mines on the environment emphasized that as a country we take environmental security seriously and that this important issue should become part of the next action plan of the Convention. As part of the 29th Sarajevo Film Festival, during August 2023, the 30-minute documentary film "Bomba" was shown, authored by Arian Berberović, a BiH author who lives in the USA, and in the film, as the main actor, he returns to his homeland to explore mine problem that still exists. He is discussing the mine problem with representatives of all the leading agencies involved in dealing with the mine situation. The film was made in cooperation with the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre, the Paralympic Committee and the NGO Norwegian People's Aid.

In September 2023 in Geneva, as part of the 11th Meeting of the Member States of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Production, Use, Storage and Transfer of Cluster Munitions, representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre submitted an official report on the completion of cluster munitions clearance tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was pointed out that all obligations in the part related to Article 4 of the Convention have been fulfilled as of September 1, 2023. This exceptional success of our country was achieved in cooperation with partner organizations, the NGO Norwegian People's Aid, Civil Protection of Republic of Srpska, the Federal Administration of Civil Protection and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina who successfully completed the undertaken tasks with the professional help and supervision of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre.

The city of Mostar celebrated the completion of the MSA "Hodbina" project at a ceremony held in the Mostar City Hall on November 3, 2023. With the completion of this project, the entire urban area of the City of Mostar was declared mine - free. After several decades since the end of the war, the city of Mostar has achieved this great goal. The project of land release "Hodbina", with an area of over 1.6 km<sup>2</sup> implemented by Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina - MDDC, was completed thanks to the funds provided by the State Department through ITF Enhancing Human Security. The ceremony was attended by a large number of officials, including the USA Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina H.E. Michael Murphy, Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ms. Dubravka Bošnjak, Acting Director of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre Mr. Enis Horozović and the ceremony was hosted by the mayor of Mostar dr. Mario Kordić.

In November 2023, representatives of our institution attended the meeting of the State Parties of the Ottawa Convention where officials of all countries facing the problem of landmines have the opportunity to present progress in this area and to exchange experiences, information and lessons learned. Bearing in mind that this year was marked the 25th anniversary of the adoption and signing of the Convention and we enter the last year of implementation of the Oslo Action Plan 2020-2024, this year's main goal of the meeting was to review and ensure progress in implementation according to the Fifth Review Conference, which will be held in 2024.

In November 2023, our representatives attended the Second International Workshop on Mine Action: Innovations and Best Practices, which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan in the organization of the Azerbaijan Mine Action Agency (ANAMA) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).



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In November 2023 The Norwegian People's Aid organized the workshop "Lessons learned and next steps" in the Swissôtel hotel in Sarajevo. The Norwegian People's Aid dedicated its activities and efforts to the successful implementation of the project "Improving the quality management system of national bodies and centers for mine action in the Western Balkans". With the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Norwegian People's Aid, efforts were aimed at improving the quality control system of national bodies and mine action organizations in the Western Balkans region. The workshop was also attended by representatives of BHMAC.

In December 2023, the meeting was held in Ljubljana, organized by the ITF Enhancing Human Security and with the support of the Central European Initiative-CEI. The meeting, entitled Support to Regional Cooperation in Mine Action, aimed to exchange knowledge and practice in the implementation of mine action projects in the region. The meeting was attended by representatives of all state bodies and observers, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Albania and Slovenia.

The meeting of the Board of Donors for Mine Action was held in December 2023 in Sarajevo, with the presence of representatives of all key donors in this area. Commitment to the demining process in Bosnia and Herzegovina was once again expressed and the continuation of continuous support for mine action was announced.

During 2023 [www.bhmac.org](http://www.bhmac.org) regularly updated all current information related to the work of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre with the aim of contributing to and advocating for the implementation of the Proactive Transparency Standard. The publication of all available information online aims to satisfy the interests and needs of citizens in the domain of mine action.

At the same time, through continuous reporting and constant and effective contact with representatives of domestic and foreign media and internet portals, the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre enabled all interested parties to receive the requested information and for the public to be informed in a timely manner about current results and projects, as well as future plans.

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### 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.”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Reporting for time period

from: **01.01.2023.**  
dd/mm/yyyy

to: **31.12.2023.**  
dd/mm/yyyy

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

**Bosnia and Herzegovina does not manufacture, import or export mines.**

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### 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.”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reporting for time period

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#### MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

Mine clearance capacities included a complete equipment of 24 demining companies. They also need to have accreditation from BHMAL to perform such actions. All the employees that work in mine clearance are wearing protective equipment that consists of flack jacket with protection for groins and helmets with visors. For special cases of UXO demolition, companies use ballistic suits. Following equipment is in usage for humanitarian demining activities: 1136 metal detectors, 24 demining machines including all types (medium, light and heavy), excavators, machines for vegetation clearing and 35 mine detection dogs. In Bosnia, mine clearance actions are mostly performed as a combination of mechanical demining, manual detection and mine-searching dogs. BHMAL Standard operating procedures also prescribe the entire methodology of humanitarian demining activities.

#### LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

**BHMAL:**

Enis Horozović, Acting Director,

Ivan Dunder, Deputy Director,

Tarik Šerak, Heads offices

Ranko Banjac, Heads offices

Zoran Grujić, Heads offices

There are 24 accredited organizations for mine actions. All information about them we have on our web page: [www.bhmal.org](http://www.bhmal.org)

## **AMENDED PROTOCOL II**

### **NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

**MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF BH**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS OF BH**  
**THE DEMINIG COMMISSION OF BH**  
**BHMAC**  
**BHMAC web site: [www.bhmac.org](http://www.bhmac.org)**

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**NAME OF STATE [PARTY]:** BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 01.01.2023. to 31.12.2023.

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**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF  
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

**Reporting Formats for Article 7**

STATE [PARTY]:

**Bosnia and Herzegovina (annual report 2023)**

POINT OF CONTACT:

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

### Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:  
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

*Remark:* In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

State [Party]: Bosnia and Herzegovina reporting for time period from January 2023 to December 2023

| Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>No additional legal, administrative and other measures were taken during 2020 to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited under the Convention.</p> <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina Criminal Law has been annexed to accommodate ban of all the activities prohibited under the Convention.</p> | <p>Criminal Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003.</p> <p>Chapter XVI: Criminal acts against integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Article 165;</p> <p>Chapter XVII: Criminal acts against humanity and values protected under international law – Articles 193 and 193 a.</p> |

**Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

Article 7. 1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

State [Party]: Bosnia and Herzegovina reporting for time period from January 2023 to December 2023

Bosnia and Herzegovina does not own or possess stockpiled anti-personnel mines.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has destroyed all stocks of anti-personnel mines except those retained for training purposes as allowed in the Convention. This was reported in November 1999. Total destroyed 460.727 pieces AP mines.



1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

| Type  | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
| TOTAL | -        |                     |                           |

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. *(Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan) \**

| Type  | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
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| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
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| TOTAL | -        |                     |                           |

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\* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

**Form C Location of mined areas**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: Bosnia and Herzegovina reporting for time period from January 2023 to December 2023

| No.   | Administrative area        | No of minefield records per Administrative level | No of minefield records per Entity/District | No of minefield records per State |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I     | Federation of BH           |                                                  | 6692                                        |                                   |
| 1.    | Central Bosnia Canton      | 1158                                             |                                             |                                   |
| 2.    | Herzegovina-Neretva Canton | 623                                              |                                             |                                   |
| 3.    | Posavina Canton            | 354                                              |                                             |                                   |
| 4.    | Sarajevo Canton            | 499                                              |                                             |                                   |
| 5.    | Canton no.10               | 266                                              |                                             |                                   |
| 6.    | Tuzla Canton               | 978                                              |                                             |                                   |
| 7.    | Una-Sana Canton            | 1153                                             |                                             |                                   |
| 8.    | Zenica-Doboj Canton        | 1458                                             |                                             |                                   |
| 9.    | Bosnian Podrinje Canton    | 202                                              |                                             |                                   |
| 10.   | West-Herzegovina Canton    | 1                                                |                                             |                                   |
| II    | Republic of Srpska         | 1954                                             |                                             |                                   |
| III   | Brcko District             | 161                                              |                                             |                                   |
| TOTAL | Bosnia and Herzegovina     |                                                  |                                             | 8807                              |

Collecting of minefield records in Bosnia and Herzegovina is permanent activities which conducted BHMAL.

1. Areas that contain mines\*

| Location                                | Type                  | Quantity                     | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 443 locations in Bosnia and Herzegovina | All types of AP mines | Estimation:<br>170,657 mines | 1992-1995.          |                           |
|                                         |                       |                              |                     |                           |

2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

| Location                                                 | Type                  | Quantity                     | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.421 contaminated communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina | All types of AP mines | Estimation:<br>170,657 mines | 1992-1995.          | Mine suspected area on the end of reporting period in Bosnia and Herzegovina is 838,29 km <sup>2</sup> . |
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\* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

| Canton                   | Number of confirmed hazardous areas (CHAs) containing <u>anti-personnel mines</u> | Area of CHA (m <sup>2</sup> ) | Number of suspected hazardous areas (SHAs) that may contain <u>anti-personnel mines</u> | Area of SHA (m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Unsko-sanski             | 120                                                                               | 2,455,601                     | 508                                                                                     | 84,866,989                    |
| Posavski                 | 3                                                                                 | 255,060                       | 157                                                                                     | 14,084,788                    |
| Tuzlanski                | 46                                                                                | 1,279,207                     | 629                                                                                     | 68,654,670                    |
| Zeničko-dobojski         | 42                                                                                | 1,532,201                     | 558                                                                                     | 107,380,678                   |
| Bosansko-podrinjski      | 14                                                                                | 915,190                       | 176                                                                                     | 41,507,607                    |
| Srednjobosanski          | 78                                                                                | 2,398,612                     | 574                                                                                     | 98,272,069                    |
| Hercegovačko-neretvanski | 64                                                                                | 2,570,502                     | 865                                                                                     | 124,207,495                   |
| Zapadnohercegovački      | 3                                                                                 | 228,308                       | 3                                                                                       | 0                             |
| Kanton Sarajevo          | 24                                                                                | 668,655                       | 173                                                                                     | 47,895,581                    |
| Kanton 10                | 26                                                                                | 631,640                       | 351                                                                                     | 61,201,829                    |
| Republika Srpska         | 248                                                                               | 4,774,920                     | 82                                                                                      | 4,675,950                     |
| Brčko Distrikt           | 2                                                                                 | 197,383                       | 2166                                                                                    | 167,658,236                   |
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>670</b>                                                                        | <b>17,907,279</b>             | <b>6,242</b>                                                                            | <b>820,380,652</b>            |

Area of CHA + area of SHA = 838,29 km<sup>2</sup> (the total suspected area at the end of 2023)

The update and revision of the existing national standard has been completed and we expect the Demining Commission to adopt it.

In 2023, the suspected hazardous area was reduced by **32 km<sup>2</sup>**. Non-technical methods (systematic and general / non-technical survey) by the BiH Mine Action Center canceled **16.38 km<sup>2</sup>**. Technical reduction methods cover an area of **15,66 km<sup>2</sup>** through: canceled ara on MSA **9,26 km<sup>2</sup>**, reduced area on MSA **4,18 km<sup>2</sup>**, technical survey **1.32 km<sup>2</sup>**, and the total mine clearance **0.36 km<sup>2</sup>**.

In addition to the above, the completion and return of the area to the population for safe use, in 2023 the activities of the Mine Action Center were focused on opening new tasks and continuing the implementation of projects. With the review of the situation in January 2024, the implementation of thirty-four (34) MSAs with an area of 56,6 km<sup>2</sup>, six (6) individual tasks of technical survey and clearance 0,56 km<sup>2</sup>. The existence of 170,657 mines has been estimated.

| CLEARANCE                       | Number of tasks | Area (m2)      | Cleared area (m2) | Participation of administrative level (%) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| SREDNJO-BOSANSKI KANTON         | 1               | 22,902         | 22,902            | 38%                                       |
| ZENIČKO-DOBOJSKI KANTON         | 2               | 13,155         | 13,155            | 22%                                       |
| HERCEGOVAČKO-NERETVANSKI KANTON | 0               | 0              | 0                 | 0%                                        |
| BOSANSKO-PODRINSKI KANTON       | 0               | 0              | 0                 | 0%                                        |
| POSAVSKI KANTON                 | 0               | 0              | 0                 | 0%                                        |
| SARAJEVSKI KANTON               | 0               | 0              | 0                 | 0%                                        |
| KANTON 10                       | 0               | 0              | 0                 | 0%                                        |
| UNSKO-SANSKI KANTON             | 1               | 23,967         | 23,967            | 40%                                       |
| TUZLANSKI KANTON                | 0               | 0              | 0                 | 0%                                        |
| FEDERACIJA BIH                  | 4               | 60,024         | 60,024            | 34%                                       |
| REPUBLIKA SRPSKA                | 11              | 70,626         | 70,626            | 40%                                       |
| BRČKO DISTRIKT                  | 2               | 47,244         | 47,244            | 27%                                       |
| <b>BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA</b>      | <b>17</b>       | <b>177,894</b> | <b>177,894</b>    | <b>100%</b>                               |

**Results of clarence tasks in 2023**

| Administrative level/<br>organizations        | Number<br>of<br>MSP | Released<br>area<br>km2 | Cleared<br>area<br>m2 | Number<br>of mines<br>found and<br>destroyed | Number<br>of UXOs<br>found and<br>destroyed |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Tuzlanski kanton                              | 2                   | 2,512,510               | 12,665                | 39                                           | 70                                          |
| Bosansko-podrinjski kanton                    | 1                   | 1,432,122               | 16,249                | 56                                           | 5                                           |
| Srednje-bosanski kanton                       | 1                   | 379,549                 | 1,915                 | 14                                           | 5                                           |
| Zeničko-dobojski kanton                       | 1                   | 2,176,360               | 63,765                | 370                                          | 148                                         |
| Hercegovačko-neretvanski kanton               | 2                   | 3,024,051               | 36,035                | 61                                           | 36                                          |
| FEDERACIJA BiH                                | 7                   | 9,524,592               | 130,629               | 540                                          | 264                                         |
| REPUBLIKA SRPSKA                              | 5                   | 4,099,972               | 52,706                | 151                                          | 104                                         |
| BRČKO DISTRIKT                                | 0                   | 0                       | 0                     | 0                                            | 0                                           |
| <b>BOSNA I HERZEGOVINA</b>                    | <b>12</b>           | <b>13,624,564</b>       | <b>183,335</b>        | <b>691</b>                                   | <b>368</b>                                  |
| Oružane snage Bosne i Hercegovine<br>(OS BiH) | 2                   | 2,735,670               | 11,353                | 31                                           | 5                                           |
| Republička uprava civilne zaštite             | 2                   | 1,678,731               | 16,373                | 42                                           | 23                                          |
| The Mines Advisory Group-MAG                  | 3                   | 4,384,632               | 115,236               | 465                                          | 190                                         |
| Norveška narodna pomoć (NPA)                  | 2                   | 1,362,144               | 15,018                | 68                                           | 128                                         |
| Centar za obuku pasa (MDDC)                   | 3                   | 3,463,389               | 25,355                | 85                                           | 22                                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>12</b>           | <b>13,624,564</b>       | <b>183,335</b>        | <b>691</b>                                   | <b>368</b>                                  |

#### Results of MSA projects in 2023

In 2023, 12 MSAs were completed with the 13,624,564 m<sup>2</sup> and 691 pieces of AP mines and 368 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed. In the reporting period 17 clearance tasks were completed with the 352.088 m<sup>2</sup> and 32 pieces of AP mines, 4 pieces of AT mines and 32 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed. Total number of AP mines found and destroyed is 814: 786 pieces AP mines, 28 pieces AT mines (MSAs, clearance task and technical survey tasks). The average number of mines found per hectare is 23. Although the number of civilian casualties is decreasing, in 2023, one mine accident occurred. In the area of the town of Dobož, a man, collecting wood, activated a AP mine and died. It has been found that accident occurred in area marked with mine warning signs.

## Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

As 31 December 2023, Bosnia and Herzegovina has retained **817 pieces AP** mines for purposes permitted under Article 3 of the Convention (for training mine detection dogs, testing demining machines and education) as follows in the table below.

| Institution authorized by State Party                             | Type   | Quantity | Supplementary information                                             |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARMED FORCES BiH                                                  | PMA-1  | 5        | Polygon Barracks "Bozan Simovic"-Capljina<br>Polygon Kasarna Rajlovac |                              |
|                                                                   | PMA-2  | 26       |                                                                       |                              |
|                                                                   | PMA-3  | 17       |                                                                       |                              |
|                                                                   | PMR-2A | 16       |                                                                       |                              |
|                                                                   | PROM-1 | 10       |                                                                       |                              |
| MDDC                                                              | PMA -1 | 2        | Training polygon                                                      | Warehouse MDDC Borci, Konjic |
|                                                                   |        |          | 2                                                                     |                              |
|                                                                   | PMA-2  | 8        | 6                                                                     | 2                            |
|                                                                   | PMA-3  | 4        | 3                                                                     | 1                            |
|                                                                   | PMR-2A |          |                                                                       |                              |
|                                                                   | PROM-1 |          |                                                                       |                              |
| The Mines Advisory Group Predstavništvo u BiH-MAG                 | PMA-2  | 10       | Training polygon Rakovac Pale                                         |                              |
|                                                                   | PMA-3  | 5        |                                                                       |                              |
| REPUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL PROTECTION OF REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA | PMA-2  | 4        | Office                                                                |                              |
|                                                                   | PMR-2A | 1        |                                                                       |                              |

|            |        |    |                                                |                       |                  |
|------------|--------|----|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| BHMAL      | PMA-1  | 25 | Polygon Barracks "Bozan Simovic" -<br>Capljina | Polygon-Tilava (E.SA) | BHMAL (Sarajevo) |
|            |        |    | 11                                             | 14                    |                  |
|            | PMA-2  | 35 | 11                                             | 14                    | 10               |
|            | PMA-3  | 46 | 20                                             | 26                    |                  |
|            | PMR-2A | 10 |                                                |                       | 10               |
|            | PROM-1 | 21 | 9                                              | 12                    |                  |
| STOP MINES | PMA-1  | 21 | Polygon Rakovac, Pale                          |                       | Warehouse        |
|            |        |    | 21                                             |                       |                  |
|            | PMA-2  | 53 | 49                                             |                       | 4                |
|            | PMA-3  | 22 | 21                                             |                       | 1                |
|            | PMR-2A | 17 | 17                                             |                       |                  |
|            | PMR-3  | 1  | 1                                              |                       |                  |
|            | PROM-1 | 7  | 7                                              |                       |                  |
| CHR d.o.o  | PMA-2  | 10 | Warehouse Ortijes-Mukosa, Mostar               |                       |                  |
|            | PMA-3  | 8  |                                                |                       |                  |
|            | PMR-2A | 17 |                                                |                       |                  |
|            | PROM-1 | 8  |                                                |                       |                  |
| N&N IVSA   | PMR-2A | 4  | Training polygon Tolisa, Orasje                |                       |                  |
|            | PMA-2  | 2  |                                                |                       |                  |
|            | PMA -3 | 7  |                                                |                       |                  |
|            | PROM-1 | 1  |                                                |                       |                  |
|            |        |    |                                                |                       |                  |
|            | PMA-1  | 8  |                                                |                       |                  |



|                                                                                                                       |                  |    |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| UEM d.o.o                                                                                                             | PMA-2            | 4  | Training Polygon Vrancici, Hadzici    |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-1            | 4  |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMR-2A           | 4  |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-3            | 3  |                                       |                                    |                                           |
| TRENING TIM VOGOŠĆA                                                                                                   | PMA-1            | 2  | Training Polygon Suhodol Hadžići      |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-2            | 14 |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-3            | 4  |                                       |                                    |                                           |
| DETEKTOR                                                                                                              | PMA-1            | 5  | Training Polygon Bukovica, Banja Luka |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-2            | 14 |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-3            | 6  |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | PMR-2A           | 10 |                                       |                                    |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       |                  | 2  |                                       |                                    |                                           |
| NPA                                                                                                                   | PMA-1            | 59 | Training Polygon Ortiješ, Mostar      | Training Polygon Blagovac, Vogošca | Training polygons: kasarna OSBiH Rajlovac |
|                                                                                                                       |                  |    | 19                                    | 23                                 | 17                                        |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-2            | 81 | 26                                    | 29                                 | 26                                        |
|                                                                                                                       | PMA-3            | 99 | 28                                    | 35                                 | 36                                        |
|                                                                                                                       | PMR-2A           | 57 | 17                                    | 16                                 | 24                                        |
|                                                                                                                       | PMR 2A-ČAPLJINKA | 5  | 3                                     | 2                                  |                                           |
|                                                                                                                       | TOTAL            |    | 817                                   |                                    |                                           |
| In November 1999 BiH reported UN General Secretary that it destroyed all the stockpiles of mines, i.e. 460.727 pieces |                  |    |                                       |                                    |                                           |

1b. **Voluntary information** (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)

| Objectives | Activity / Project | Supplementary information<br><br><i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>                                                                       |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -          | -                  | “Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use” |

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

**Form D** (continued)

No anti-personnel mines were transferred during the previous calendar year for permitted purposes.

2. **Compulsory:** Transferred for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

| Institution authorized by State Party | Type  | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information:<br>e.g. transferred from, transferred to |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -                                     | -     | -        | -                   | -                                                                   |
| TOTAL                                 | ----- |          |                     |                                                                     |

3. **Compulsory:** Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

| Institution authorized by State Party | Type  | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information:<br>e.g. transferred from, transferred to |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -                                     | -     | -        | -                   | -                                                                   |
|                                       | -     | -        | -                   | -                                                                   |
| TOTAL                                 | ----- | -        |                     |                                                                     |

**Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:  
e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Bosnia and Herzegovina has no additional information on the conversion or decommissioning of APM product facilities.

| Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")                                          | Supplementary information                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Within Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:<br><br>The Bugojno's factory has destroyed all of the equipment used in mine production. Factory itself has reorganized production and is not producing mines, nor is able to produce mines any more.<br><br>"Igman Konjic" – Konjic, the factory is producing initial ammo but NOT AP mines.<br><br>"Pobjeda" – Gorazde, the factory is producing initial explosives and ammo but NOT AP mines. | Within Republic Srpska, mine production factories did not exist before the war, or after. | To date the State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has completed the programme appertaining to the conversion or decommissioning of APM production facilities. |

## Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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### 1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

The State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has destroyed all stocks of landmines except those retained for training purposes as allowed in the Convention, Article 4.

|                                                  |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Description of the status of programs including: | Details of:                        |
| Location of destruction sites                    |                                    |
| -                                                | Methods                            |
| -                                                | Applicable safety standards        |
| -                                                | Applicable environmental standards |

### 2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Description of the status of programs including:                                                                                                                                                                         | Details of:                        |
| Location of destruction sites<br>Destruction of mines and UXO is conducted on the discovery site or other placed envisaged for that, in accordance with Standard for Mines and UXO Destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina |                                    |
| Destruction of mines and UXO in Bosnia and Herzegovina is conducted by explosive charge                                                                                                                                  | Methods                            |
| Standards as specified in Standard for Mines and UXO Destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina                                                                                                                               | Applicable safety standards        |
| Standards in accordance with Standard for Mines and UXO Destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina                                                                                                                            | Applicable environmental standards |

### Form GAPMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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The State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has completed the destruction of APMs in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention.

|                                                                                          | Quantity       | TOTAL | Total per group |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| AP mines destroyed by BH Armed Forces:                                                   |                | 44    |                 |
| Deminers of BH Armed Forces                                                              | 44             |       |                 |
| Mine clearance                                                                           |                |       |                 |
| Teams of Civil Protections                                                               |                | 75    |                 |
| Civil Protections + (Other demining companies) - mine-explosive devices collected as UXO | 116.800+ (484) |       | 117.284         |
| Demining teams (Non-governmental organization and commercial companies)                  |                | 667   |                 |
| Total:                                                                                   |                | 786   | 786             |

#### 1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

| Type  | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
| TOTAL | -        |                     |                           |

#### 2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

| Type  | Quantity | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|
| APMs  | 786      | -                         |
|       | -        | -                         |
| TOTAL | 786      |                           |

**Form G (continued)**

There have been no new discoveries of AP mines in Bosnia and Herzegovina after deadline expiration.

**3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)\***

| Type  | Quantity | Lot # (if possible) | Supplementary information |
|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
| -     | -        | -                   | -                         |
| TOTAL | -        |                     |                           |

**Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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Bosnia and Herzegovina has no additional information on the technical characteristic of anti/personnel mines owned or possessed. Technical characteristics of each AP mine produced ALL DETAILS SUBMITTED IN OUR 2000 REPORT.

**1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced**

| Type | Dimensions | Fusing | Explosive content |       | Metallic content | Color photo attached | Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance. |
|------|------------|--------|-------------------|-------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|      |            |        | type              | grams |                  |                      |                                                         |
| -    | -          | -      | -                 | -     | -                | -                    | -                                                       |
| -    | -          | -      | -                 | -     | -                | -                    | -                                                       |

The State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has destroyed all stocks of landmines except those retained for training purposes as allowed in the Convention.

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\* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

| Type   | Dimensions (cm)                                                             | Fusing  | Explosive content    |       | Metallic content | Color photo attached | Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance. |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                                                             |         | type                 | grams |                  |                      |                                                         |
| PMA-1  | Rectangle<br>14*7*3                                                         | No fuse | Pressed trotyl (TNT) | 200   | No               | Yes                  | Mines are buried in polygons for testing                |
| PMA-2  | 6,5*33*2,7<br>Cylinder                                                      | No fuse | Pressed trotyl (TNT) | 70    | No               | Yes                  |                                                         |
| PMA-3  | 10,4*4 Cylinder                                                             | No fuse | Pressed trotyl (TNT) | 35    | No               | Yes                  |                                                         |
| PMR-2A | Cylinder 6,5*13,2                                                           | No fuse | Pressed trotyl (TNT) | 100   | Yes              | Yes                  |                                                         |
| PROM-1 | Cylinder<br>7,5*15,5*10                                                     | No fuse | Pressed trotyl (TNT) | 420   | Yes              | Yes                  |                                                         |
| MRUD   | Fragmentation plate with 650 steel balls with diameter of 5,5 mm ( 23*10*5) | No fuse | Plastic              | 900   | Yes              | Yes                  |                                                         |



## Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

*Remark:* In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the 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".

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In 2023, mine/ERW/cluster munition awareness activities were continuously conducted through public information, education of at-risk groups of the population and liaison of mine action and the MSA community. The focus of mine/ERW/cluster munition awareness was the conduct of activities in the MSA communities with large suspect area, i.e. the focus was the most at-risk groups of population. In the reporting period, mine/ERW/cluster munition awareness projects are completed, and 61.489 persons were educated about mine threat.

| Number of people received risk education at least once during the reporting period excluding Media | Men   | Women | Boys   | Girls  | Unknown | Total  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Local civilian                                                                                     | 3.149 | 2.868 | 28.009 | 27.126 | 0       | 61.152 |
| Refugee                                                                                            | 285   | 52    | 0      | 0      | 0       | 337    |
| Total                                                                                              | 3.434 | 2.920 | 28.009 | 27.126 | 0       | 61.489 |

| Location name                                                                                                       | Task     | Organisation            | Administrative level | Number of persons |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| MSP Čelić, Msp Lopare, MSP Rahić, MSP Sapna, MSP Teočak, MSP Brčko D BiH, KM Čitluk, KM Kakanj, KM Petrovac- Drinic | MRE-MSAs | NPA                     | BiH                  | 4.327             |
| MRE Campaign un primary schools                                                                                     | MRE      | BHMAC – Primary schools | BiH                  | 40.164            |
| Misli Mine                                                                                                          | MRE      | BH Red cross society    | BiH                  | 1.310             |
| MRE Migrants population                                                                                             | MRE      | IOM                     | BiH                  | 337               |
| Brčko Distrikt                                                                                                      | MRE      | Posavina bez mina       | BD                   | 380               |
| EUFOR                                                                                                               | MRE      | EUFOR                   | BiH                  | 14.971            |
| <b>UKUPNO:</b>                                                                                                      |          |                         |                      | <b>61.489</b>     |

Based on the knowledges about illegal migration on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and due to increased migrations through BiH, Mine Action Centre BiH organized theme meetings about the issue in cooperation with Border Police of BiH, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), International Red Cross Committee and Red Cross Society, all in order to preventively take measures of warning migrants about the threats of mines/ERW/cluster munition.

## Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Bosnia and Herzegovina is able to share expertise and experience in Mine Action. Bosnia and Herzegovina is not a position to provide financial assistance to other State Party.

## MINE VICTIM ASSISTANCE

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS implemented a project called "Empowerment of amputees, mine victims through economic support". The donor/partner of this project is the Fund for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of the Disabled FROM Prijedor. Achieved results: provided economic support in the procurement of equipment, machines, tools in agriculture for 17 beneficiaries, victims of mines in the Republic of Srpska. The support included the purchase of equipment, machines and tools, livestock, greenhouses, tillers, motor cultivators, etc.

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS realized the project "Beekeeping as a tool in empowering landmine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina - phase 3". Partners/donors of the project are: ITF Slovenia, Beekeeping Academy of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska. As part of this project, on March 29, 2023, the Beekeeping Center for mine victims in Banja Luka was opened. The aim of the opening of the Center was to be a place where beekeepers, landmine victims and all interested beekeeping enthusiasts will be able to get necessary information about beekeeping, starting with education, necessary equipment in beekeeping, information about new technologies, challenges in the field of beekeeping etc. The role of the center is also reflected in connecting users, beekeepers with service providers such as funds, agencies and other institutions that can be of importance in the development of small businesses in beekeeping for mine victims and other disabled people. The center has engaged an expert team that will work directly with users in the field and provide the necessary advisory support to beekeepers.

An educational training for mine victims was held from March 29 to 30, 2023, attended by 52 participants, of which 42 were mine victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5 representatives of the Faculty of Agriculture of Banja Luka and the City of Banja Luka and 1 woman with a disability. The aim of the training is to train mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina to run small businesses in the field of beekeeping, the possibility of purchasing some equipment for beekeeping, as well as a way to network mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping. As part of the project, the procurement of equipment for users, victims of landmines, was ensured. Beekeeping equipment was purchased for 2 beneficiaries, mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping and who were participants in the educational training and are members of the Association of beekeepers with disabilities and women "BEE".

The "Investing in Action 2023" project was implemented by UDAS in 2023 and the project partner is the International Mine Ban Coalition ICBL, Geneva. As part of the project, a meeting was held with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Srpska, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, representatives of the civil sector, organizations of persons with disabilities. During the meeting, they discussed the current status and position of mine victims in the Republic of Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

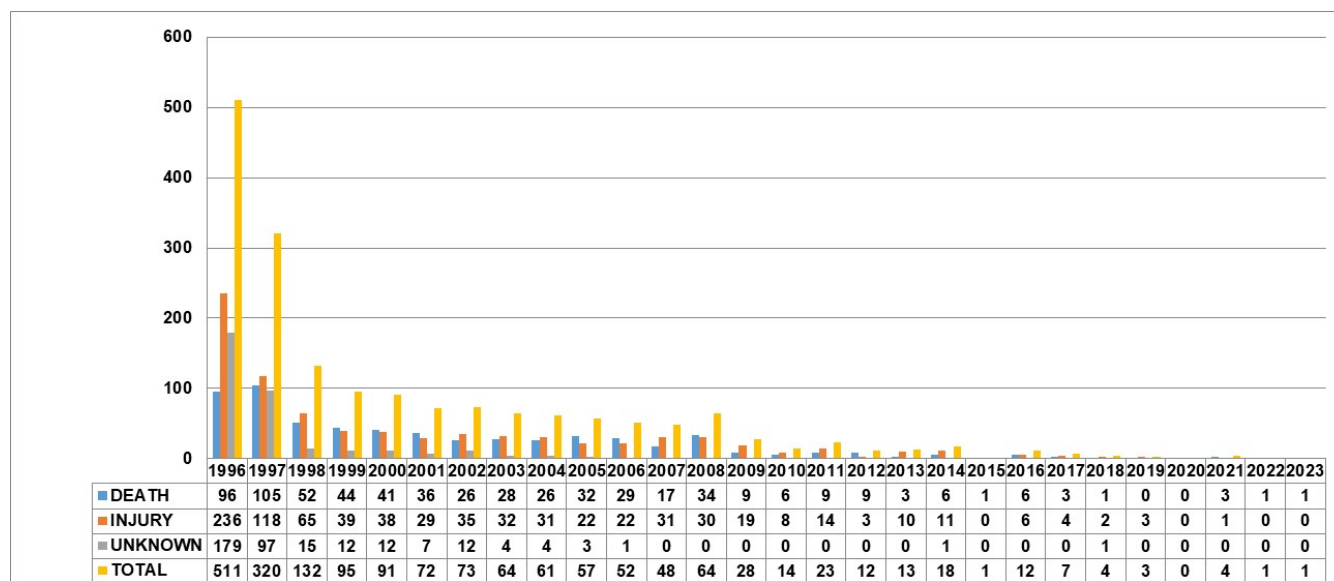
Festive ceremony that marked successful completion of the mine victim assistance project in the Herzegovina region financed by Federal Republic of Germany, was held in Mostar on September 27, 2023. Deputy German Ambassador Bernhard Abels and attache for defense Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte had the opportunity to meet landmine victims from Mostar, Konjic, Trebinje, Gacko and Nevesinje who received new prostheses and talked about their positive experiences from this project.

Through this project Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented making prosthesis for 19 mine victims. Continuation of the project it is guaranteed by signing agreement for mine victim assistance in the region of northeastern Bosnia which was officially signed at this occasion between the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Promotion of the mine victim assistance project for the region of northeastern Bosnia was held in Tuzla on December 28, 2023. A meeting was organized between users of the project and donor - German Embassy in Sarajevo represented by Deputy Ambassador Bernhard Abels and military attache Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte. Project of mine victim assistance included 18 mine victims in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They have received new and high quality modern prostheses, ensuring not only functionality but also satisfactory high aesthetic standards. During the event, deputy Ambassador Bernhard Abels and Mirna Pavlović from BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs addressed the participants and emphasized importance of provision of continuous support to victims of mines in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Users expressed sincere gratitude and satisfaction to the representatives of donor after completion of the project. Mine victim assistance project was implemented by Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina MDDC. From beginning of cooperation with MDDC, Federal Republic of Germany helped total of 110 victims of mines. Empowerment of mine victims through production of quality prosthesis is key to improvement of theirs life, mobility and integration into society.

In December 2023, a round table was held on the topic "BiH without mines, victims and barriers". 19 landmine victims participated in the meeting. The topic was the current status of victims in BiH as well as issues related to mine action. The importance of empowering landmine victims and their quality integration into the community was also emphasized.

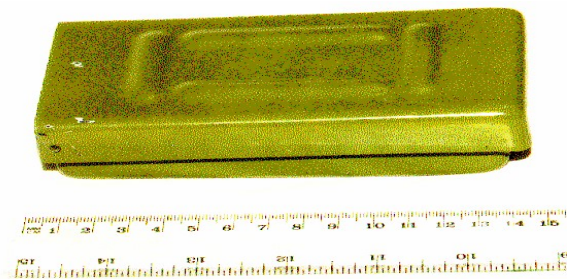
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**Statistical review of mine/ERW/cluster munitions victims (1996-2023) (The total mine victims number is 1781)**

## ANNEX 1 – PHOTOGRAPHS OF AP MINES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 2 (b) OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE  
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(As adopted by the First Conference at its second plenary meeting on 5 November 2007)

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**FORMA:** Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

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High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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### Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

The current size of mine suspect hazardous area in BiH is 838,29 km<sup>2</sup> 1,63% in relation to total area of BiH. Bosnia and Herzegovina has fulfilled its obligations under article 4.1 (a) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The deadline was 01 September 2023. The size of cluster munition suspect hazardous area in BiH in the beginning of 2023 was 0,4 km<sup>2</sup>.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Standards divide responsibility for removal of mines and ERW as follows:

- Demining teams:

AP and AT mines, hand-grenades, rifle grenades, artillery shell – bullets and mortar grenades caliber below 82 mm;

- EOD teams:

All types of artillery shells, aerial bombs and mortar grenades caliber above 82 mm, all type of rockets, all types of ammunition, including cluster bombs KB-1 and KB-2, any composite designed and unrecognisable UXO (with chemical, biological, flare, smoke or other charge) or booby-traps, as well as any other UXO suspected to have piezoelectric fuse.

Destruction of ERW in Bosnia and Herzegovina is conducted exclusively by detonations. All ERW is destroyed on-site where it was found, except if jeopardizes people or in a case of unacceptable material damage that could not be prevented applying adequate protection measures.

In 2023, there were 24 accredited organisations for mine action in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Out of this number, there are 5 government organisations (Armed Forces, Civil Protections from Federation and Republic of Srpska and Brcko District, along with the Red Cross Association for Bosnia and Herzegovina) 10 commercial organisations and 9 NGO's. Within accredited organisations, there are currently 1.048 persons engaged, all possessing accreditation for mine action and licence for work. Out of the total number, 624 trained deminers, 320 persons authorised for managerial and monitoring activities within mine action are engaged at the moment and 104 medical staff.

Accredited organisations currently dispose of following material and technical assets for humanitarian demining:

- ☐ 24 machines;
- ☐ 35 MDD teams for mine – explosive search;
- ☐ 1136 metal detectors of various types for usage in humanitarian demining operations.

#### Results of demining teams in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2023

| AP mines | AT mines | ERW |
|----------|----------|-----|
| 786      | 28       | 484 |

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Review of explosive remnants of war (ERW) removed in 2023  
in Bosnia and Herzegovina 484.

### ORGANIZATION TYPE OF REMOVED ORDNANCES

|                                               | AP mines | AT mines | ERW |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----|
| ARMED FORCES OF BIH                           | 44       | 19       | 8   |
| CIVIL PROTECTION OF FBH                       | 33       | 0        | 2   |
| CIVIL PROTECTION OF RS                        | 42       | 0        | 23  |
| STOP MINES                                    | 5        | 0        | 2   |
| IN DEMINING                                   | 4        | 0        | 21  |
| N&N IVŠA                                      | 8        | 2        | 24  |
| POINT doo                                     | 0        | 0        | 0   |
| DETEKTOR                                      | 12       | 7        | 4   |
| UEM d.o.o                                     | 19       | 0        | 48  |
| MAG                                           | 465      | 0        | 190 |
| Centar za obuku pasa za otkrivanje mina u BiH | 85       | 0        | 22  |
| NORWEGIAN PEOPLES AID (NPA)                   | 68       | 0        | 140 |
| "DCM MEDIA" d.o.o.                            | 1        | 0        | 0   |
| TOTAL                                         | 786      | 28       | 484 |

### TYPE OF REMOVED ORDNANCES ORGANIZATIONS

|                                    | CP of FBH | CP of RS | NPA | TOTAL  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----|--------|
| Mines AP mines                     | 577       | 30       |     | 607    |
| AT mines                           | 24        | 20       |     | 44     |
| ERW Hand grenades                  | 0         | 865      |     | 866    |
| Rifle grenades                     | 0         | 26       |     | 26     |
| Rockets, RB and RPG mines          | 0         | 78       |     | 78     |
| Mortar bombs                       | 0         | 181      |     | 181    |
| Artillery grenades and projectiles | 0         | 90       |     | 90     |
| Other                              | 2478      | 66       |     | 2544   |
| Cluster munitions/submunitions     | 0         | 5        |     | 5      |
| Fuzes Fuzes                        | 0         | 67       |     | 67     |
| Ammunition < 20 mm                 | 33210     | 84291    |     | 117501 |

Any other relevant information:

Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina carry out operations of ERW removal with app. 25% of capacities engaged in Bosnia and Herzegovina. They have following resources: 32 manual demining teams, 9 squads for mechanical soil preparation, 8 squads with dogs for detection of explosive 6 general reconnaissance team.



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**FORMB:** Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

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High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex:

As part of marking the 4th of April, the International Mine Awareness Day, in the presence of representatives of local authorities, national and foreign organizations and the media, in the area of MSA Vojkovići, the municipality of Istočna Ilidža, representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre in cooperation with the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, once again drew attention to the fact that our country is still one of the most mine-threatened in Europe and in the world with over 500,000 endangered citizens.

In May 2023, representatives of the Mine Action Center in BiH successfully completed the Course on Quality Management Systems in Mine Action, which was held in Podgorica, Republic of Montenegro. The great importance of mine action management and the urgent need for greater cross-border cooperation in order to solve the challenges posed by the mine threat were highlighted. Also in May it was held the Second Conference on mine action and the path to achieving sustainable goals during which representatives of regional agencies for mine action had a meeting attended by representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro and Azerbaijan. They discussed the need to strengthen regional cooperation and the implementation of projects that would mobilize the necessary financial resources, all with the aim of achieving a common goal and finally eliminating the mine danger. The importance of cooperation with neighboring centers and the exchange of experience and knowledge was emphasized, as well as the need to work on new, more efficient and effective methods.

Also during May 2023, representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre participated in the Second International Conference on mine action and achieving sustainable development goals. The conference was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, organized by ANAMA-Azerbaijan State Mine Action Agency, with the aim of building new partnerships between mine-affected countries and mobilizing resources to accelerate the achievement of a mine-free world, including ongoing efforts to advocate for the new Mine Action SDG.

In May 2023 representatives of the Bureau of Military and Political Affairs from the State Department visited the Mine Action Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina. They discussed current issues related to the implementation of mine action projects and the continuation of the State Department's support for their implementation. Once again, the importance of continuous investments and efforts to establish security and enable the development of the whole country was expressed.

In June 2023, in cooperation with the Norwegian People's Aid from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Laos, the Mine Action Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina was visited by representatives of the National Mine Action structures of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos. During the visit, the system of anti-mine structures in our country was presented to the esteemed guests, as well as the role of BHMAL and the remaining issues of mine removal and ERW.

During the participation in the regular intersessional meetings held in June 2023 in Geneva, we once again reminded as a country that we are strongly committed to the final elimination of the remaining mines and unexploded ordnance.

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During June 2023, representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre participated in the Review Conference on the topic of the Legislative framework, current situation and plans of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of defense and protection. The conference was organized by the Joint Commission for Defense and Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with the OSCE Mission, with the aim of reviewing the current situation in the field of defense and security. It was pointed out that the Revision of the existing Mine Action Strategy aims at harmonizing all activities with the deadline set in accordance with the Ottawa Convention and that in addition to the time frame, emphasis will be placed on the capacity and readiness of local authorities to participate in the implementation of demining operations.

In July 2023, the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center attended the promotion of a 3D model of the Carniola bee, which aims to highlight the importance of the role of bees as the most important pollinators and their significant contribution to mitigating climate change and preserving the environment. It was emphasized the importance of supporting landmine victims in the field of beekeeping, which will improve their recovery, rehabilitation and empowerment in social flows. Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center participated at the 26th Meeting of the Mine Action Directors and UN Advisors entitled ‘‘Mine Action Can't Wait’’, traditionally organized by UNMAS in cooperation with the Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining and with the support of Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As part of the meeting, a series of plenary sessions were held on the topic of mine action, and the representatives of BHMIC on the topic of Integration of the impact of mines on the environment emphasized that as a country we take environmental security seriously and that this important issue should become part of the next action plan of the Convention.

As part of the 29th Sarajevo Film Festival, during August 2023, the 30-minute documentary film ‘‘Bomba’’ was shown, authored by Arian Berberović, a BiH author who lives in the USA, and in the film, as the main actor, he returns to his homeland to explore mine problem that still exists. He is discussing the mine problem with representatives of all the leading agencies involved in dealing with the mine situation. The film was made in cooperation with the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre, the Paralympic Committee and the NGO Norwegian People's Aid.

In September 2023 in Geneva, as part of the 11th Meeting of the Member States of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Production, Use, Storage and Transfer of Cluster Munitions, representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre submitted an official report on the completion of cluster munitions clearance tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was pointed out that all obligations in the part related to Article 4 of the Convention have been fulfilled as of September 1, 2023. This exceptional success of our country was achieved in cooperation with partner organizations, the NGO Norwegian People's Aid, Civil Protection of Republic of Srpska, the Federal Administration of Civil Protection and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina who successfully completed the undertaken tasks with the professional help and supervision of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre.

The city of Mostar celebrated the completion of the MSA "Hodbina" project at a ceremony held in the Mostar City Hall on November 3, 2023. With the completion of this project, the entire urban area of the City of Mostar was declared mine - free. After several decades since the end of the war, the city of Mostar has achieved this great goal. The project of land release "Hodbina", with an area of over 1.6 km<sup>2</sup> implemented by Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina - MDDC, was completed thanks to the funds provided by the State Department through ITF Enhancing Human Security. The ceremony was attended by a large number of officials, including the USA Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina H.E. Michael Murphy, Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ms. Dubravka Bošnjak, Acting Director of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre Mr. Enis Horozović and the ceremony was hosted by the mayor of Mostar dr. Mario Kordić. In November 2023, representatives of our institution attended the meeting of the State Parties of the Ottawa Convention where officials of all countries facing the problem of landmines have the opportunity to present progress in this area and to exchange experiences, information and lessons learned. Bearing in mind that this year was marked the 25th anniversary of the adoption and signing

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of the Convention and we enter the last year of implementation of the Oslo Action Plan 2020-2024, this year's main goal of the meeting was to review and ensure progress in implementation according to the Fifth Review Conference, which will be held in 2024 .

In November 2023, our representatives attended the Second International Workshop on Mine Action: Innovations and Best Practices, which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan in the organization of the Azerbaijan Mine Action Agency (ANAMA) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

In November 2023 The Norwegian People's Aid organized the workshop "Lessons learned and next steps" in the Swissôtel hotel in Sarajevo. The Norwegian People's Aid dedicated its activities and efforts to the successful implementation of the project "Improving the quality management system of national bodies and centers for mine action in the Western Balkans". With the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Norwegian People's Aid, efforts were aimed at improving the quality control system of national bodies and mine action organizations in the Western Balkans region. The workshop was also attended by representatives of BHMAC.

In December 2023, the meeting was held in Ljubljana, organized by the ITF Enhancing Human Security and with the support of the Central European Initiative-CEI. The meeting, entitled Support to Regional Cooperation in Mine Action, aimed to exchange knowledge and practice in the implementation of mine action projects in the region. The meeting was attended by representatives of all state bodies and observers, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Albania and Slovenia.

The meeting of the Board of Donors for Mine Action was held in December 2023 in Sarajevo, with the presence of representatives of all key donors in this area. Commitment to the demining process in Bosnia and Herzegovina was once again expressed and the continuation of continuous support for mine action was announced.

During 2023 [www.bhmac.org](http://www.bhmac.org) regularly updated all current information related to the work of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre with the aim of contributing to and advocating for the implementation of the Proactive Transparency Standard. The publication of all available information online aims to satisfy the interests and needs of citizens in the domain of mine action. At the same time, through continuous reporting and constant and effective contact with representatives of domestic and foreign media and internet portals, the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre enabled all interested parties to receive the requested information and for the public to be informed in a timely manner about current results and projects, as well as future plans.

### Any other relevant information:

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA MINE ACTION STRATEGY (2009-2019) is adopted by Council of Ministers during its 45th session, held on April 24, 2008 in Sarajevo.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Operational Plan in accordance to Article 17, Item 3 of Law Demining in Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette BiH", ed. 5/02) has been approved by the Demining Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mine Action Strategy 2018 - 2025 has been adopted on January 1st 2019, at the 165. Session of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

First revision of the Mine Action Strategy 2018- 2025 will be finished in 2024.

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**FORMC:** Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol: Other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war

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High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex:

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS implemented a project called "Empowerment of amputees, mine victims through economic support". The donor/partner of this project is the Fund for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of the Disabled FROM Prijedor. Achieved results: provided economic support in the procurement of equipment, machines, tools in agriculture for 17 beneficiaries, victims of mines in the Republic of Srpska. The support included the purchase of equipment, machines and tools, livestock, greenhouses, tillers, motor cultivators, etc.

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS realized the project "Beekeeping as a tool in empowering landmine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina - phase 3". Partners/donors of the project are: ITF Slovenia, Beekeeping Academy of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska. As part of this project, on March 29, 2023, the Beekeeping Center for mine victims in Banja Luka was opened. The aim of the opening of the Center was to be a place where beekeepers, landmine victims and all interested beekeeping enthusiasts will be able to get necessary information about beekeeping, starting with education, necessary equipment in beekeeping, information about new technologies, challenges in the field of beekeeping etc. The role of the center is also reflected in connecting users, beekeepers with service providers such as funds, agencies and other institutions that can be of importance in the development of small businesses in beekeeping for mine victims and other disabled people. The center has engaged an expert team that will work directly with users in the field and provide the necessary advisory support to beekeepers.

An educational training for mine victims was held from March 29 to 30, 2023, attended by 52 participants, of which 42 were mine victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5 representatives of the Faculty of Agriculture of Banja Luka and the City of Banja Luka and 1 woman with a disability. The aim of the training is to train mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina to run small businesses in the field of beekeeping, the possibility of purchasing some equipment for beekeeping, as well as a way to network mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping. As part of the project, the procurement of equipment for users, victims of landmines, was ensured. Beekeeping equipment was purchased for 2 beneficiaries, mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping and who were participants in the educational training and are members of the Association of beekeepers with disabilities and women "BEE".

The "Investing in Action 2023" project was implemented by UDAS in 2023 and the project partner is the International Mine Ban Coalition ICBL, Geneva. As part of the project, a meeting was held with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Srpska, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, representatives of the civil sector, organizations of persons with disabilities. During the meeting, they discussed the current status and position of mine victims in the Republic of Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Festive ceremony that marked successful completion of the mine victim assistance project in the Herzegovina region financed by Federal Republic of Germany, was held in Mostar on September

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27, 2023. Deputy German Ambassador Bernhard Abels and attache for defense Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte had the opportunity to meet landmine victims from Mostar, Konjic, Trebinje, Gacko and Nevesinje who received new prostheses and talked about their positive experiences from this project. Secretary of BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs Mrs. Biljana Čamur attended this ceremony. Through this project Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented making prosthesis for 19 mine victims. Continuation of the project it is guaranteed by signing agreement for mine victim assistance in the region of northeastern Bosnia which was officially signed at this occasion between the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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In 2023, 1 mine accident occurred, in which one person died.

Any other relevant information:

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**FORMD:** Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol: Provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war

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High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Every humanitarian missions and organizations which come to Bosnia and Herzegovina, could ask for all relevant information on mine situation in BiH from BHMIC. Basic activities of BHMIC are as following:

1. Central database maintenance;
2. General survey and urgent marking;
3. Planning and preparation of mine action projects and supporting technical documentation;
4. Prioritization of mine action tasks;
5. Short and long term Plans and Reports;
6. Coordination and monitoring of the implementation of National Mine Action Strategy and Mine Action Plan;
7. Definition of technical and safety standards;
8. Testing and accreditation;
9. Quality assurance;
10. Certification of cleared areas.

Any other relevant information:

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**FORME:** Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:  
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

- In 1996, Mine Action Centre was established by United Nations (UNMAC) in order to build a local management structure and operational mine action capacity. In the mid 1998, local structure was established, comprising of the Entity Centers and one central Mine Action Centre (BHMIC). In the first phase, number of humanitarian demining organizations was increased, first national mine action standards were issued, and financial resources were improved, as well as professional training. The adoption of the Law on Demining in 2002, established a central structure, BHMIC at the state level, immediately under the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction was signed on December 3, 1997, ratified on September 8, 1998 and put into force on March 1, 1999.

BiH has, together with another 14 countries, successfully presented the Request for the extension of Article 5 deadline at the 9th Meeting of the State Parties held in Geneva from November 24-28, 2008. Deadline extension was granted to BiH until year of 2019.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) on September 1st, 1993.

- Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II to the 1980 Convention as amended on 3 May 1996) was ratified on September 7, 2000.

- In accordance with Article 5, Para 1, Bosnia and Herzegovina requests a two (2) years Interim extension from 01 March 2019 to 01 March 2021, to carry out survey and clearance activities to better define the precise perimeter of mined areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Based on a more precise understanding of the remaining challenge, and in accordance with Article 5, Para 1, Bosnia and Herzegovina requests a six (6) years extension request from 01 March 2021 to 01 March 2027, to carry out non-technical and technical survey activities to better define the precise perimeter of mined areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- Convention on Cluster Munitions was signed on December 3, 2008 and ratified on September 7, 2010. In order to fulfil the obligations under Article 4 of the Convention in requested timeframe (18 months) from 1 March 2021 to 1 September 2022.

Bosnia and Herzegovina's duty under the Convention was to solve the problem of cluster munitions in 2021. But the problem in clearance of areas contaminated with cluster munitions was further complicated by COVID-19 global pandemic crisis that delayed the demining season normally set for March 1st, in line with the climate conditions. Similar to the rest of the world, Bosnia and Herzegovina was caught in COVID-19 pandemic which caused either a cessation of, or hindrance to the work of Bosnia and Herzegovina institutions. This reflected onto the process of mine action in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period from March to June 2020, since Mine Action Centre BiH worked with reduced capacities as well. In order to fulfil the obligations under Article 4 of the

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Convention in requested timeframe (12 months) from 1 September 2022 to 1 September 2023. Bosnia and Herzegovina has fulfilled its obligations under article 4.1 (a) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Any other relevant information:

Co-operation on the level of foreign governments and embassies in BiH,  
Co-operation with the European Union (EU) – IPA Program,  
Co-operation in the framework of obligations and meetings related to the Ottawa Convention,  
Co-operation with countries in the region in the framework of SEEMACC (South Eastern European Mine Action Coordination Council),  
Co-operation with the ITF,  
Co-operation with UN organizations (UNDP, UNICEF) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD),  
Co-operation with International Red Cross Committee,  
Co-operation with EUFOR,  
Co-operation with all organizations and institutions involved in mine action activities in BiH.

We can offer the following forms of assistance to the international mine action community:

Establishment of the National mine action centre,  
Legal, sublegal and normative regulations,  
Establishment of mine information system,  
Planning system – production of National strategies, annual and operative activity plans,  
Education of executors of humanitarian demining operations, mine risk education,  
General survey, definition of suspected hazardous area and education of survey teams.

**FORME(a):** Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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High Contracting Party: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

n/a

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

n/a



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**FORM F:** Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:

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| <p>a. Munitions manufacturing management<br/>We do not have information at our disposal.</p> <p>b. Munitions management<br/>Stockpiling and ammunition transport is done in accordance with Guidelines on Stockpiling and ammunition transport, prescribing conditions and measures for safe stockpiling and transport of explosive ordnances. Stockpiling and ammunition transport between military locations is under control of Armed forces. Armed forces do not carry out testing shootings because they do not have the permission for this purpose by NATO HQ and EUFOR. Laboratory research of stockpiled explosive ordnances is not done because BiH Armed Forces do not possess necessary equipment. Therefore, possibility of laboratory research in neighboring countries is being considered. We do not have at our disposal information on periodical test shootings or laboratory tests of stored explosive ordnances.</p> <p>c. Training<br/>Personnel involved in handling, transportation and use of explosive devices is trained and certificated.</p> <p>d. Transfer<br/>In the last 6 years there has not been any transfer of arms and ammunition with military stockpiles.</p> <p>e. Future production<br/>We do not have at our disposal information on experiments for improvement of trustworthiness of explosive ordnances for further production.</p> |
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Any other relevant information:

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**FORMG:** Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

Standard for mine/UXO clearance and standard for mine risk education as well as standard operational procedures for humanitarian demining and mine risk education in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been developed on the basis of the international mine action standards (IMAS). Chapter VI of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Standard (drafted on the basis of IMAS) defines removal of ERW in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

There were also established a draft of chapter XVI of Bosnia and Herzegovina Standard for mine/UXOs clearance referring to clearance and technical survey of cluster munitions, a draft of SOP for general survey and new draft of Regulations on insurance of editorials to BiH mine action organizations

Any other relevant information:

Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defense is willing, in law framework, and if necessary, to request through competent BH institution issuance of adequate instructions and operative procedures to improve expertise of employees in Ministry of Defense i.e. BH Armed Forces who attended training in accordance to provisions of this Protocol.

In the same time, in frame of our law competence, we confirm that we are ready for cooperation consulting with other parties in order to solve any problem that may arise in interpretation and application of this Protocol provisions.

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**FORMH:** Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

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