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PROTOCOL II TO THE CONVENTION ON
PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE
OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH
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OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**

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National annual report

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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 to the CCW

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PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES,
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(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 2 and Article 11 para 2.

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY	<u>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</u>
DATE OF SUBMISSION	_____
NATIONAL POINT(S) OF CONTACT	<u>MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</u> (Organization, telephones, fax, email)

The information contained in this Report may be made available to other interested Parties,
Organizations and the public.

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13 / 4 / a “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party Bosnia and Herzegovina reporting for time period from _____ to 2002

Information to the armed forces

Standing Committee for Military Affairs introduced this Protocol to the Ministers of Defence of Federation of BH and Republic of Srpska. Both Ministers of Defence distributed the information on Protocol II to the Convention to the all levels of Armed forces. Chiefs of units informed their superiors on the realization process.

Armed forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina participate in demining process in BH and destroyed all their stocks in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

Army demining teams participate in humanitarian demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the demining plan and funds provided, and for these activities armed forces are accredited by the BHMAL.

Information to the civilian population

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified Amended Protocol II and it is published on all mine action related internet sites, containing BH reports and is therefore, in the public domain.

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository
13 / 4 / b ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

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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 set of activities with five main components:

1. Education of BH population in order to gain mine awareness and risk reduction
2. Humanitarian demining operations that include clearance of mines and UXO, all levels of survey, Quality Assurance and mapping
3. Suspect area marking
4. Mine Victim Assistance
5. AP mines stockpiles destruction

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 were conducted in 2002, as well as mine awareness activities coordinated by the BHMAC.

Rehabilitation programmes

Since the end of the war in 1996, there are **1448** mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina of various age groups and origin (internally displaced, returnees and local residents). In the structure of victims per age, the age group 19-39 years is the most endangered, followed by those from 40 to 60 years of age. About 10-30 % of victims are children up to 18 years.

BHMAC is planning to establish coordination in Mine Victim Assistance programme and first analysis will be made in first quarter of the year and it will provide a reliable assessment on needs.

There are non-governmental organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina working on mine victims rehabilitation programme, such as Landmine Survivors Network. Self-confidence centre, Jezuit Refugee Service for rehabilitation and provision of prosthetics, etc.

International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victim Assistance is also involved in the region of SE Europe. Cantonal Social Service Centre is providing help to mine victims as well.

Handicap International is implementing self-help advocacy and rehabilitation for SE Europe with the objective to build capacities of civil society and is just starting with their project.

Form C Technical requirements and relevant information

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository
13 / 4 / c ... on:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any
other relevant information pertaining thereto;

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Technical requirements

Bosnia and Herzegovina has taken all the steps necessary to meet the technical requirements of the Protocol. All mines, booby traps and other devices in the inventory of the BH entity armed forces comply fully with the technical provisions of the Amended Protocol II.

Any other relevant information

NONE

Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary
13 / 4 / e ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

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<p><u>International technical information exchange</u></p> <p>In cooperation with many international and national organizations, Bosnia and Herzegovina is participating in exchange of experiences and technologies, training capacities as well as development of better and advanced methods of mine clearance and other mine action, performing tests and evaluations.</p>
<p><u>International cooperation on mine clearance</u></p> <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina is continuously developing the cooperation at international, regional and bilateral level aiming to develop demining capacities, as well as the exchange of knowledge, experiences and personnel. Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre is developing the cooperation with MAC centres in the region of SE Europe as well as other associations and through the exchange of experiences further contribute to demining process.</p>
<p><u>International co-operation on technical co-operation and assistance</u></p>

Form F **Other relevant matters**

Article “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary
13 / 4 / f ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.

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Other relevant matters

Bosnia and Herzegovina does not manufacture, import or export mines.
Mine Action in Bosnia and Herzegovina is mostly funded by the international community,
with the increasing support of local authorities.
