– COMPLIANCE –

REPORTING FORMS

pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

COVER PAGE

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

PARTY TO:
☒ Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
☒ Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
☒ Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
☒ Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
☒ Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
☒ Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:
☒ The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31.03.2019.

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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

☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

1 Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).
Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and

(e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.
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**NOTE:** This *Summary Sheet* may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.
FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

High Contracting Party: THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

☑ Additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2018

☑ Additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2018

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

The introduction of the newly signed Convention on Cluster Munitions to the Armed Forces at the Croatian Defense Academy was used to reshape and expand the curriculum time dedicated at all levels of education on the agreements, treaties and conventions signed and ratified by the Republic of Croatia. Starting at basic, advance and senior NCO courses it expands and gets more in-depth coverage all the way up to the War College level. This is particularly important today, as Croatia is a NATO member and its armed forces have to be well informed on the obligations and implications stemming from the many signed agreements and conventions that affect their actions during stability operations and other international deployments. The new expanded curriculum is being implemented from the beginning of September 2011 and is being updated all the time.

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

Dissemination of information about the CCW and its protocols to civilian population is performed through mine risk education (MRE) activities. Croatian Ministries, Offices of the Government and State Administrative Offices as well as NGOs and international organizations, pass specific training according to their role in the national implementation of the Convention and Protocols. Croatian Red Cross with its local branches (in local communities), Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC), Ministry of Interior and the Association of Civil Victims of Homeland War are active in events and lectures where MRE messages are given.

Any other relevant information:

n/a
FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

☒ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2018

☒ additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2018

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

In other to ensure the best possible long-term reliability of explosive ordinance, Republic Croatia applies best practices and operating procedures with respect to its storage, transport, field storage and handling in accordance with the following: Management of explosive ordinance in Armed Forces is regulated by Ministry of Defence and General Staff of Armed Forces of Republic of Croatia with;

☐ Directive on storage protection and handling of explosive ordinance, MoD Zagreb dated 1998
☐ Decree on transport of explosive ordinance, MoD dated 2006
☐ Directive on chemical balance of gunpowder dated 2000
☐ Directive on explosive ordnance quality control in MoD and AF dated 2005
☐ Directive on maintaining of explosive ordnance in AF dated 2004
☐ Directive on record keeping of out of date and faulty explosive ordnance dated 2005
☐ Directive on managing with the existing quantities of explosive ordnance in AF dated 1997

Currently in the Croatian Armed Forces, process of implementation of NATO norms and standards in the area of explosive ordnance safekeeping is going on. Decision of the Defence Minister for the planning period to year 2018 defined:

☐ Types and quantities of usable explosive ordnance, their storage and maintenance;
☐ Types and quantities of usable and perspective classical rocket ammo that could be used for live-firing, quality control, life cycle oversight and its extension;
☐ Types and quantities of explosive ordnance that are not longer usable and needs to be removed by delaboration and destruction

Any other relevant information:

N/A
FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Reporting period: from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

☐ additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year 2018

☐ additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2018

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

Production of all types of arms and military equipment in the Republic of Croatia is regulated by the law on the Production, Overhaul and Trade in Arms and Military Equipment, adopted on 25 March 2002 (Official Gazette 33/2002). The law regulates safety and protection of methods of producing and refitting arms and military equipments.

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

n/a
**FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance**

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

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- Additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year: 2018

- Additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year: 2018

**International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:**

- During January, 2018, the Ukrainian delegation visited Croatia and met with the representatives of the CROMAC and the Government Office for Mine Action.

- Between the late February and early March 2018, the CROMAC delegation visited the Republic of Iraq, Baghdad.

- During April, in Dubrovnik-Neretva County, in Slano, the 15th International Symposium "Mine Action 2018" was held in organization of the Croatian Mine Action Center, CROMAC-Center for Testing, Development and Training, ltd. and the Government Office for Mine Action. At the mentioned Symposium, some 170 participants from 31 countries of the world were exchanging knowledge about Mine Action topics.

- In May, Government Office for Mine Action presented the Croatian mine action system, its experiences and achievements as well as lessons-learned at the hearing in the UK Parliament in London.

- At the end of May, the CROMAC and CROMAC-CTRO delegation visited the Republic of Colombia regarding the continuation of cooperation in the field of Mine action and Technical assistance.

- During July, a regional meeting of the Mine action centers was held in Brčko (BIH).

- In the late August, the Croatian Mine Action Center has had a visit from the representatives of the Swedish Armed Forces (SWEDEC), Center for Demining and Destruction of Explosive Devices (EOD).

- In September, the Croatian Mine Action Center hosted a delegation of the EUFOR BiH Command centre.

- During December, delegation of the Croatian Mine Action Center has visited Tajikistan Mine Action Centre.

**International technical assistance:**
During April, in Dubrovnik-Neretva County, in Slano, at the 15th International Symposium "Mine Action 2018" CROMAC-CTRO ltd. signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the President of the Management Board RGCOMERCIAL and the President of the Management Board of the Humanitarian Foundation for Demining FUNHDES.

During April, the team of scientists working on the NATO SPS project "The biological method for the detection of explosives" has been conducting research activities at the Benkovac Polygon.

During May, a team of researchers from the University of Manchester have conducted benchmark testing of dual purpose devices - a multifrequency metal detectors and GPRs. This research has been continued during September.

During September 2018, on the Benkovac polygon, activities were conducted on the previously mentioned NATO SPS project which tests the possibilities of explosives detection method by bees.

During the early October, 2018, the Croatian Mine Action Center hosted representatives of the Geneva Internationaler for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), since the Republic of Croatia was selected as a good example for the implementation of a research project entitled "National Capacities and Residual Contamination in Croatia".

In the mid October CROMAC-CTRO provided training for the employees of the Russian company EMERCOM DEMINING in the field of Management in Mine Action.

Any other relevant information:

N/A
FORM E: Other relevant matters

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Other relevant matters:

N/A