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Madam Coordinator,

In 2011, in the domain of mine/UXO victims assistance, three coordination meetings of the mine/UXO victims assistance coordination group in B-H were held, as well as several meetings between Mine Action Centre BH representatives and representatives of organizations dealing with mine/UXO victims assistance issues, all in order to promote status from the domain of mine/UXO victims assistance. There were continuous activities from the domain of reporting based on Conventions and Protocols signed by Bosnia and Herzegovina, which deal with the issue of mine / UXO victims. Apart from stated above, there were continuous activities on updating database (BHMAIS), by collection and input of information related to registered mine incidents / demining accidents, as well as input of information related to projects of mine / UXO victim assistance. A procedure was started for collection of detailed information on victims of cluster munition in BH. There is also a project of creating a brochure which should promote the problem of mine / UXO victims. Identity checks were conducted for person who already received help via implemented projects of mine/UXO victim assistance. Web portal is created and updated for mine victims, with continued analysis of law regulations related to mine / UXO victims on all administrative levels in BH. In the reporting period, 15 projects of mine / UXO victim assistance were realized in order to raise livelihood standards of mine / UXO victims, promotion of rights for disabled persons as well as their social and economic integration back into society.

In 2011, 10 incidents and 3 demining accidents were registered, with total of 22 victims, out of which 9 fatalities and 13 injured persons. Since 1992, there is a total of 7.981 victims to mines/UXO. During the war period (1992-1995) there were 6.043 mine / UXO victims; after the war (from 1996) 1.671 were victims, (583 fatalities, while there is no available data on the year for 267 mine/UXO victims. Since 1996, during humanitarian demining, 113 deminers were victims to mines/UXO, with 46 fatalities.

Furthermore, Madam Coordinator, allow me to support what has already been said on the efforts to have a separate form for national reporting on Victim Assistance. An assessment conducted by the Implementation Support Unit shows that there is a need and also an interest to report on victim assistance (31 states have answered the voluntary questionnaire), but the national reporting forms do not provide the place to do this and in consequence, some states report under different forms. Therefore, we are of the opinion that to have a separate form for reporting on Victim Assistance would make things clearer and be useful for states incl. those that wish to provide such information. We suggest keeping the form short in order to limit the burden of reporting.

I thank you for your attention.