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The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, and has the honor to enclose herewith the reply of Montenegro on the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines for the year 2019.

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the all Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre assurances of its highest consideration.

To: All Permanent Missions/Delegations to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre Vienna



MONTENEGRO

### **OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**

MAY 2020

#### **OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**

#### Part I

1. Is it your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II of 1996 on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the use of mines, Booby-Traps and other devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

- Yes.

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.

- In Annex.

lf no:

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

- N/A.

- 4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, boobytraps and other devices?
  - There is no production of mines on the territory of Montenegro. There are no anti-personnel mine fields and no treading nor tensile anti-personnel mines are part of equipment of the Armed Forces of Montenegro.
- 5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.
  - Not at the present time.
- 6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.
  - Not at the present time.

#### Part II

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of antipersonnel mines and on their destruction?

- Yes.

8. a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with the Article 7 of Convention (Agreement) or give to us e-mail address of the report.

No changes.

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

- N/A.

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 antipersonnel land mines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

- Yes, through the Criminal Code of Montenegro adopted in 2004, (articles 433 and 434).
- 9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?
  - There are no specific measures other than assistance to wounded persons through regular medical care in hospitals or rehabilitation centers.
- 10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.
  - Not at the present time.
- 11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.
  - Not at the present time.

#### Part III

#### 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. Have 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?

#### Montenegro ratified Protocol V, CCW, 22. March 2016.

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

#### We are the member of CCW, Protocol V.

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

## We are very interested to receive international assistance to upgrade and build up the capacities related to ERW, such as:

## - Expert support on Implementation of International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) in Montenegro,

- Capacity buildings (training, equipment, regular vehicles, trucks for heavy ERW)
- Clearance of ERW,
- Victim assistance,
- Mine risk education

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

Ministry of Interior Affairs, Directorate for emergency management has capacity to provide assistance to other neighboring countries only in short-term due to limited number of personnel and high percent of commitments inside the country related to this issue.

#### 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)

#### **REPORTING FORMATS**

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: MONTENEGRO

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 9th March 2020

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF CONTACT: DEFENCE POLICY AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE

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Form A	Dissemination of information				
Article 13, paragraph 4 (a)	<ul><li>"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [] on []:</li><li>(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;"</li></ul>				
Remark:	REPORT				
High Contracting Party: MONTENEGRO					
Reporting for time	period from: 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 to: 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy				

#### **INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**

The Armed Forces of Montenegro are familiar with the entry into force and the content of the amended Protocol II, through the official documents of the Ministry of Defence, lectures delivered to the members of the Armed Forces by the competent persons from the Ministry of Defense, as well as through Protocol's content published in the official magazine of the Ministry of Defence "PARTNER".

The Armed Forces of Montenegro have implemented the Protocol's contents into its Plans and Programmes concerning training of military personnel as well as applies regulations, measures and procedures from the area pertaining to the amended Protocol II.

#### **INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**

The amended Protocol II has been ratified by the Parliament of Montenegro through the Law, and it has been published into the "Official Gazette of Montenegro" - international treaties, No. 14/11 from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The amended Protocol II has been available to every citizen at the official site of the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

Montenegro's accession to the amended Protocol II with its basic content was also published in the monthly magazine "PARTNER" No. 47 in April 2012, by the Ministry of Defence and is available to the citizens as a free sample in the press at the official site of the Ministry of Defense.

Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes				
"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [] on []:				
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation program	nmes;"			
REPORT				
Party: MONTENEGRO	_			
period from: 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 to: dd/mm/yyyy	31st December 2019 dd/mm/yyyy			
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	<ul> <li>"The High Contracting Parties shall provide Depositary [] on []:</li> <li>(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation program <i>REPORT</i></li> <li>Party: MONTENEGRO</li> <li>period from: <u>1st January 2019</u> to:</li> </ul>			

#### **REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:**

Form C	Technical requirements and relevant information			
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:	REPORT			
High Contracting	Party: MONTENEGRO			
Reporting for time	period from: 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 to: 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019			
	dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy			
TECHNICAL REQ	QUIREMENTS:			

The number of anti-personnel mines (made by former Yugoslavia-MRUD) was reduced by 110 (one hundred and ten) pieces, in 2019, trough ITF Fund.

#### ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Form D	Legislation
Article 13, paragraph 4 (d) <i>Remark:</i>	<ul><li>"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [] on []:</li><li>(d) legislation related to this Protocol;"</li></ul>
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#### **LEGISLATION:**

Within the legislative framework concerning the implementation of CCW Convention, the situation regarding the law is the following:

The Article 432 of the Criminal Code of Montenegro, adopted on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2003 and published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro" no. 70/03,44/17 prescribes the following: (1) Any person who, during the state of war or armed conflict, orders the use of means and methods of warfare which are prohibited by the rules of the international law, or uses them by him/herself, shall be punished by an imprisonment ranging from 2 to 10 years. (2) If commitment of the offence reffered to in paragraph 1 of the Article results in death of several persons, a perpetrator shall be punished by an imprisionment ranging from 5 to 30 years. (3) Any person who calls for or prepares the use of the weapons reffered to in paragraph 1 of the Article, shall be punished by the

The Article 433 of the Criminal Code of Montenegro prescribes the folowing:

1) Any person who, against the law, manifactures, purchases, sells, imports, exports or in any other way obtains or provides others with, keeps or transports weapons which manifacture or usage is prohibited as well as materials required for their manifacture, shall be punished by an imprisonment ranging from 1 to 5 years, as perscribed by the Article 433 of the Code.

2)An official or responsible person ordering or allowing a legal entity to perform the activities provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be punished by an imprisonment sentence of one to eight years.

The Armed Forces are a professional defense force that defends the independence, sovereignty and state territory of Montenegro and performs other assigned missions and tasks in accordance with the Constitution of Montenegro, the law and international law. Law on Foreign Trade in Weapons and Military Equipnent ("Official Gazzete of Montenegro", No.40/16) and Law on foreign trade of dual-use goods ("Official Gazette of Montenegro"No.30/12) prescribes fines for offences regarding licences and other documents necessary for trade of armaments, military equipment and dual-use goods.

Within its jurisdiction, the Customs Administration carries out control of arms and military equipment in accordance with international conventions and positive regulations that are applied in Montenegro. Regarding the legislative framework, we are acting in accordance with the Law on Foreign Trade in Weapons and Military Equipment ("Official Gazete of Montenegro", No.40/16), the Law on Control of Exports of Dual-Use Goods ("Official Gazete of Montenegro", No. 30/12), the Law on Weapons ("Official Gazeta of Montenegro", No.10/15) and the Rulebook on the manner in which the customs authorities act in customs procedures with weapons and military equipment ("Official Gazete of Montenegro", No.82/16), in order to fulfill obligations regarding international agreements on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. These goods are controlled by a regular customs procedure and for it is approved the reqired customs procedure with the permission of the Ministry of Economy, or with the approval of another competent authority, depending on the type of transport.

According to the Law, the following by-laws (legislation) were adopted: Decision on Establishing the National Control List of Weapons and Military Equipment ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" no. 33/17); Decision on Establishing the National Control List of Dual-Use Goods ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" no. 64/16);

The Law on the Armed Forces ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" no. 051/17) stipulates that the Armed Forces shall defend independency, sovereignity and state territory of Montenegro, as a professional defense force, according to the principles of the International Law on use of force (Article 2).

An official or responsible person ordering or allowing a legal entity to perform the activities provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be punished by an imprisonment sentence of one to eight years.

# Form EInternational technical information exchange, cooperation<br/>on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

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;"

to:

Remark:

REPORT

High Contracting Party:

MONTENEGRO

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#### INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

#### **TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**

Form F	Other relevant matters		
Article 13, paragraph 4 (f)	"The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [] on []: (f) other relevant matters."		
Remark:	REPORT		
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#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:**

The injured persons who are characterized as civil war invalids are entitled to disability allowance in the monthly amount of money depending on the degree of physical impairment. In addition to the rights, the right to financial compensation of material security, family allowance, health care, free and privileged drive and funeral expenses can be exercised.

Civil war invalids who are not otherwise insured are entitled to health care and other rights related to health care by health regulations. The civil war invalids are entitled to orthopedic and other devices, to a spa and climatic treatment in accordance with health regulations.

Victims or persons who suffered harm, injury or psychosomatic diseases related to military operations, explosion of obsolete war materials as well as hostile terrorist activity, can exercise right to certain compensation, by submitting a request to the local administration authority, in charge of the territory in which the claimant resides.

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: REPORT

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MONTENEGRO

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#### MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

As mentioned in Form C, the number of anti-personnel mines was reduced by 110 pieces, in 2019, though ITF Fund. The mines were reduced by delaboration processes.

#### LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

Milovan Joksimovic, Vladan Buric, Valentina Babovic, EOD department, Directorate for Emergency Management, Ministry of Interior

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

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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]:MONTENEGROPOINT OF CONTACT:MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, DEFENCE POLICY AND PLANNING<br/>DIRECTORATE<br/>+382 20 483-244; EMAIL: radmila.perovic@mod.gov.me<br/>(Name, organization, telephone, fax, email)<br/>(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

#### COVER PAGE OF THE ANNUAL ARTICLE 7 REPORT

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Form A: National implementation measures:	Form F: Program of APM destruction:		
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X unchanged (last reporting: 2013)	X unchanged (last reporting: 2007)		
	non applicable		
Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:	Form G: APM destroyed:		
changed	changed		
X unchanged (last reporting: 2007)	X unchanged (last reporting: 2007)		
non applicable	non applicable		
Form C: Location of mined areas:	Form H: Technical characteristics:		
changed	changed		
X unchanged (last reporting: 2008)	X unchanged (last reporting: 2007)		
non applicable	non applicable		
Form D: APMs retained or transferred:	Form I: Warning measures:		
changed	changed		
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non applicable	non applicable		
Form E: Status of conversion programs:	Form J: Other Relevant Matters		
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