



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION
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Mr. President,

We would like to commend the work done by the Committee on Article 5 Implementation and their tireless efforts aiming to achieve the goals of the Convention.

The Republic of Serbia is fully committed to the implementation of its obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines. and on Their Destruction.

Serbian Mine Action Centre conducted non-technical survey throughout 2016 and early 2017, which resulted in an increase of suspected hazardous area for about 700.000 sqm. Funds for demining operations allocated ~~from the~~ by the Government of Serbia for 2017, together with donor funds, will be used to continue our demining operations.

Serbian Mine Action Centre developed a technical survey project totaling 1.000.000 sqm. This Technical survey project will determine whether the project area is contaminated with mines and other UXO. If confirmed areas will be subject to clearance.

Serbian Mine Action Center submitted this project to International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security regarding the selection of an implementing agency. The project will be funded by national and donor funds and implemented throughout 2017.

In accordance with article 7 of the Convention, Serbia submitted the Report covering the year 2016 with detailed summary of projections of areas suspected to contain anti-personnel mines to be released in the period 2017-2019.

Thank you,