



## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### STATEMENT

#### Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personal Mines and on Their Destruction Mine victim assistance

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Your excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

Twenty-three years after the end of the war, Bosnia and Herzegovina is the most mine contaminated country in Europe. The current size of the mine suspected area in Bosnia and Herzegovina is 1,046 km<sup>2</sup>.

In the post-war period, 1,760 people were injured in Bosnia and Herzegovina, out of which 614 had died. In 2018, two mine accidents were registered in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In those mine accidents, one person was killed while three persons were injured.

In 2018, two major mine victim assistance projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina were funded by the EU. Project whose realization is still ongoing is EU Project "TO EARN NOT TO GET" that presents assistance to mine victims and their families in BiH in 2018-2019.

The second project implemented in 2018 is "Integrated Socio-Economic Support to Mine Victims in BiH" which presents ranked applicants for the allocation of economic support to mine victims.

Pursuant to the Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and Their Destruction, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina at its 143rd session held on May 23, 2018, have issued a Decision on the Establishment of BiH Coordination Body for mine victims, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war victims assistance. The establishment of this body as a permanent, expert and advisory body of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina has made great progress in the area of aid to mine victims. By establishing this Coordinating Body, conditions for an adequate analysis of the needs of mine victims throughout the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been acquired in order to better plan and implement mine action assistance. Coordination of mine action operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina will help to align legal legitimacy in Entities and Cantons, all in order to improve the rights and social status of mine victims.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again for all the donors who made their projects with realistic donations.

Thank you !!!