



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation and to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit.

The Republic of Croatia has the honour to officially submit the Additional Clarifications by the Republic of Croatia on matters concerning Croatia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Request for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation and to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit, the assurances of its highest consideration. *1/18*

Geneva, 24 August 2018



**To the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation  
c/o Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit**

## **Committee on Article 5 Implementation**

### **Matters concerning Croatia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Request for Extension - Additional clarifications by the Republic of Croatia**

#### **Comment 1**

*The Republic of Croatia is firmly committed to the political goal of a world free from mines until 2025. Therefore we believe and it is our understanding that this Extension Request is actually taking into account 2025 as the target year for the completion of all mine clearance activities. Moreover, this 7-year Extension Request was officially verified by the Conclusion of the Croatian Government thus confirming the high level of political and expert support it has garnered in the process of consultations leading up to its adoption. At this rather late stage, we are of the opinion that the potential opening and re-assessing of the already verified document would inevitably lead to the delay and problems with its (renewed) adoption. That said, all efforts and resources of the Croatian mine action system already are and will continue to be aimed at finishing all actual field work (i.e. demining of all known mine fields) until the end of 2025, meaning that Croatia will de facto become mine-free in 2025, in line with the political commitment we undertook in Maputo.*

#### **Comments 2 and 3**

*With regard to the Committee's observations under these two comments, we would like to enclose two revised tables that had errors in their previous versions included in the Extension Request, and these are Table 2 (Area reduced with NTS and TS methods) on page 14 and Table 2 (Progress made – areas cleared during the previous extension request) on page 50. Both tables are now corrected and are in line with the Table 1 (Cleared area per county and per year) on page 13.*

#### **Comment 4**

*The Croatian military facilities (table enclosed) are still partially contaminated by land mines, originating from the former Yugoslav People's Army and emplaced during the Homeland War (1991-1995). The largest area of contamination belongs to the military training facilities (30 110 000 m<sup>2</sup>). The number of APMs and AVMs is estimated on the basis of a number of mines according to the minefield records on disposal. Unfortunately, due to the missing records of the minefields, these data are incomplete. In order to ensure timely execution of obligations related to demining of military facilities and areas, the Ministry of Defense concluded the "Agreement on the Exchange of Data and Demining of Military Properties" with the CROMAC in 2013. This agreement serves as the prerequisite for a systematic reduction of mine suspected areas in prospective military facilities (estimated size of 26 km<sup>2</sup>), to be implemented by a non-technical survey during the forthcoming planning period.*

Table 2 - Areas reduced with NTS and TS methods

| COUNTY                 | YEAR       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |            |                | TOTAL       |              |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
|                        | 2008.      | 2009.       | 2010.       | 2011.       | 2012.       | 2013.       | 2014.       | 2015.       | 2016.      | 2017.      | Plan for 2018. |             |              |
| Bjelovarsko-bilogorska | 0,0        | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 0,0          |
| Brodsko-posavska       | 0,0        | 0,0         | 1,7         | 2,0         | 4,5         | 1,5         | 4,8         | 4,7         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 19,2         |
| Dubrovačko-neretvanska | 0,0        | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,4         | 0,1         | 0,6         | 1,0         | 0,0         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 2,1          |
| Karlovačka             | 0,0        | 0,0         | 6,7         | 1,4         | 0,5         | 1,5         | 1,1         | 1,4         | 0,0        | 0,2        | 0,8            | 0,8         | 12,8         |
| Ličko-senjska          | 4,4        | 4,2         | 16,5        | -0,7        | 0,7         | 1,5         | -0,1        | 1,9         | 0,1        | -3,7       | 0,2            | 0,2         | 24,8         |
| Osječko-baranjska      | 0,0        | 9,4         | 8,1         | 9,5         | 10,4        | 14,3        | 10,4        | 6,2         | 1,7        | 2,1        | 6,9            | 6,9         | 72,1         |
| Požeško-slavonska      | 0,0        | 1,1         | 0,0         | 9,8         | 4,6         | 7,6         | 1,0         | 0,5         | 0,2        | 2,7        | 2,8            | 2,8         | 27,5         |
| Splitsko-dalmatinska   | 0,0        | 0,5         | 0,0         | 0,3         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 1,9         | 0,8         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 3,5          |
| Sisačko-moslavačka     | 0,0        | 0,8         | 1,2         | 12,0        | 10,2        | 5,9         | 7,4         | 4,1         | 0,0        | 1,9        | 0,1            | 0,1         | 43,5         |
| Šibensko-kninska       | 0,0        | 0,2         | 0,2         | 1,4         | 2,0         | 5,1         | 3,7         | 0,5         | 0,3        | 2,0        | 1,4            | 1,4         | 15,4         |
| Virovitičko-podravska  | 0,0        | 0,0         | 0,5         | 0,6         | 0,1         | 0,0         | 7,9         | 0,0         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 9,1          |
| Vukovarsko-srijemska   | 0,0        | 8,2         | 3,7         | 3,7         | 1,4         | 1,3         | 6,2         | 3,4         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 27,9         |
| Zadarska               | 5,0        | 0,3         | -0,4        | 2,3         | 2,3         | 0,3         | 0,7         | 3,6         | 0,9        | 1,4        | 4,4            | 4,4         | 16,4         |
| Zagrebačka             | 0,0        | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0         | 0,0        | 0,0        | 0,0            | 0,0         | 0,0          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>9,4</b> | <b>24,7</b> | <b>38,2</b> | <b>42,7</b> | <b>36,8</b> | <b>39,6</b> | <b>46,0</b> | <b>27,1</b> | <b>3,2</b> | <b>6,6</b> | <b>16,6</b>    | <b>16,6</b> | <b>274,3</b> |

Table 2. Progress made - Areas cleared during the previous extension request

| Record number | PROVINCE / COUNTY      | Longitude    | Latitude     | Cancelled area (m <sup>2</sup> ) | Reduced area by Technical Survey (m <sup>2</sup> ) | Cleared area (m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1.            | Bjelovarsko-bilogorska | 17° 0' 0 E   | 45° 40' 0 N  | 0                                | 34.772   | 68.202                         |
| 2.            | Brodsko-posavska       | 17° 45' 0 E  | 45° 10' 0 N  | 15.489.001                       | 3.637.118  | 18.699.166                     |
| 3.            | Dubrovačko-neretvanska | 18° 5' 40 E  | 42° 39' 12 N | 1.679.242                        | 357.671  | 7.425.819                      |
| 4.            | Karlovačka             | 15° 34' 59 E | 45° 19' 59 N | 11.039.765                       | 1.838.220  | 24.479.369                     |
| 5.            | Ličko-senjska          | 15° 25' 0 E  | 44° 40' 0 N  | 21.861.470                       | 2.840.060  | 38.441.793                     |
| 6.            | Osječko-baranjska      | 18° 25' 0 E  | 45° 30' 0 N  | 63.863.549                       | 8.194.212  | 63.889.273                     |
| 7.            | Požeško-slavonska      | 17° 40' 0 E  | 45° 25' 0 N  | 24.493.902                       | 2.987.280  | 17.143.909                     |
| 8.            | Splitsko-dalmatinska   | 16° 30' 0 E  | 43° 10' 0 N  | 3.273.464                        | 293.165  | 6.516.125                      |
| 9.            | Sisačko-moslavačka     | 16° 30' 0 E  | 45° 25' 0 N  | 41.406.105                       | 2.084.770  | 53.702.222                     |
| 10.           | Šibensko-kninska       | 15° 55' 0 E  | 43° 49' 59 N | 7.340.873                        | 8.076.757  | 23.538.824                     |
| 11.           | Virovitičko-podravska  | 17° 34' 59 E | 45° 45' 0 N  | 8.020.668                        | 1.175.351  | 5.255.736                      |
| 12.           | Vukovarsko-srijemska   | 18° 55' 0 E  | 45° 10' 0 N  | 21.813.626                       | 6.076.388  | 46.841.370                     |
| 13.           | Zadarska               | 15° 19' 59 E | 44° 4' 59 N  | 12.016.941                       | 4.408.798  | 33.791.293                     |
| 14.           | Zagrebačka             | 16° 4' 59 E  | 45° 45' 0 N  | 0                                | 0  | 0                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                        |              |              | <b>232.298.606</b>               | <b>42.004.562</b>                                  | <b>339.793.101</b>             |

| TOTAL AREA<br>RELEASED M <sup>2</sup> (2008-<br>2017) | Number of<br>anti-<br>personnel | Number of<br>anti-<br>tankmines | Number of<br>other<br>explosive |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 102.974   |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 37.825.285  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 9.462.732   |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 37.357.354  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 63.143.323  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 135.947.034   |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 44.625.091  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 10.082.754  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 97.193.097  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 38.956.454  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 14.451.755  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 74.731.384  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 50.217.032  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 0   |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 614.096.269   | 19.815                          | 17.911                          | 47.894                          |

### Mined and mine suspected areas record status of military facilities

| Location   | Type        | Quantity      | Date of emplacement | Supplementary information  |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Barracks</b><br>(Total: 1 barrack)                | <b>APM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           | Estimated area of contamination -<br>1 400 000 m <sup>2</sup>                                  |
|  | <b>AVM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           |  |
| <b>Training sites</b><br>(Total: 3 training sites)   | <b>APM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           | Estimated area of contamination -<br>30 110 000 m <sup>2</sup>                                 |
|  | <b>AVM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           |  |
| <b>Storage sites</b><br>(Total: 3 storage sites)     | <b>APM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           | Estimated area of contamination -<br>775 000 m <sup>2</sup>                                    |
|  | <b>AVM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           |  |
| <b>Radar stations</b><br>(Total: 1 radar station)    | <b>APM</b>  |               | WW II, 1991-1995    | Estimated area of contamination -<br>300 000 m <sup>2</sup>                                    |
|  | <b>AVM</b>  |               |                     |  |
| <b>Shooting ranges</b><br>(Total: 2 shooting ranges) | <b>APM</b>  |               | 1991-1995           | Estimated area of contamination -<br>75 000 m <sup>2</sup>                                     |
|  | <b>AVM</b>  |               |                     |  |
| <b>Total: 10 objects</b>                             | <b>APMs</b> | <b>25.292</b> | 1991-1995           | <b>TOTAL size of mined and mine suspected surface area amounts to 32 660 000 m<sup>2</sup></b> |
|  | <b>AVMs</b> | <b>1.033</b>  | 1991-1995           |  |