



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
G E N E V A**

No. 91/18

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 2nd 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. *1/3/18*

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 2nd 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 m²). 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 km²), 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
Brodsko-posavska	0,0	0,0	1,7	2,0	4,5	1,5	4,8	4,7	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
TOTAL	9,4	24,7	38,2	42,7	36,8	39,6	46,0	27,1	3,2	6,6	16,6	274,3

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

Record number	PROVINCE / COUNTY	Longitude	Latitude	Cancelled area (m ²)	Reduced area by Technical Survey (m ²)	Cleared area (m ²)
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
TOTAL				232.298.606	42.004.562	339.793.101

TOTAL AREA RELEASED M ² (2008 - 2017)	Number of anti- personnel	Number of anti- tankmines	Number of other 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
Barracks (Total: 1 barrack)	APM		1991-1995	Estimated area of contamination - 1 400 000 m ²
	AVM		1991-1995	
Training sites (Total: 3 training sites)	APM		1991-1995	Estimated area of contamination - 30 110 000 m ²
	AVM		1991-1995	
Storage sites (Total: 3 storage sites)	APM		1991-1995	Estimated area of contamination - 775 000 m ²
	AVM		1991-1995	
Radar stations (Total: 1 radar station)	APM		WW II, 1991-1995	Estimated area of contamination - 300 000 m ²
	AVM			
Shooting ranges (Total: 2 shooting ranges)	APM		1991-1995	Estimated area of contamination - 75 000 m ²
	AVM			
Total: 10 objects	APMs	25.292	1991-1995	TOTAL size of mined and mine suspected surface area amounts to 32 660 000 m²
	AVMs	1.033	1991-1995	