



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

STATEMENT

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Intersessional meetings | 22 - 24 May 2019

Dear President, Your Excellences, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

In this year there were no mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina, what once more proves that reducing the risk area through demining and marking activities and more involvement of mine risk education program, the number of mine victims is decreasing in recent years.

However mines continue to cause dreadful harm, instil fear and stop people from returning to their homes and strip entire regions of a fair chance of economic recovery and development, while survivors are often condemned to a life of poverty because of their injuries and the lack of rehabilitation services. The focus of assistance to mine victims relates to the complete socio-economic reintegration of mine victims into society.

Last year BiH Ministry Council adopted a decision on establishing Coordinating body for Mine/Explosive Remnants of War/Cluster munition victims assistance with the aim of coordinating activities in the field of assistance to mine victims, raising awareness about the problems and needs of victims, development of projects, plans and documents with the aim of improving the social position of mine victims. One of the conclusions of its second meeting held in March this year, is submitting the Initiative to establish Victim assistance sub strategy paper, aimed to properly articulate all required activities arising from strategic and operational goals in the field of mine victim assistance and in line with Maputo Action Plan.