



**REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIJA**  
**DIRECTORATE FOR PROTECTION AND RESCUE**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**  
**OTTAWA CONVENTION**

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**Activities in the NW parts of the Republic of Macedonia**  
**for the implementation of the Ottawa Convention**

**First Phase: October 2001 - May 2004**

- **Regions of: v.Lavce, v.Dzepciste, v.Tearce, v.Ropalce, v.Trebos, v.Neprosteno, v.Semsevo, v.Gracani, v.Matejce, v.Alasevce, v.Slupcane, v.Aracinovo, v.Opae, v.Ratae, v.LoJane, v.Vaksince.**
- **Financial support from the budget of the Republic of Macedonia and donor countries: USA, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Slovenia; and international funds.**



Activities realized in the NW parts of the Republic of Macedonia for the implementation of the Ottawa Convention :

**The last phase was realized in the period from 17th July, till 15th of September 2006**

- Region around the village of Vejce
- Region around the village of Grachani
- Region around the village of Tanusevci



### Activities from the last phase

Location	Searched area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Working Method	Discovered landmines
Region Vejce	41600	BAC	/
Region Gracani	2826	cleaning	/
Region Tanusevce	2900	cleaning	/



**The last phase of search and de-mining in the region was realized by a Macedonian de-mining team**

**Financial support for the last stage in the amount of 41.000 USD were provided by the the USA and with involvement of ITF-Slovenia**



**October 2001 - September 2006:**

- cleaned 6 681 358 m<sup>2</sup> area**
- 558 anti-personnel mines were discovered and destroyed**
- 951 other explosives remnants of war were destroyed**



**The Republic Of Macedonia  
officially declared the fulfillment  
of the Articles 4 and 5 obligations  
of the Ottawa Convention  
on its territory as of 15th Sept. 2006**



**Achievements :** (1)

- **Fulfillment of its obligations related to the Ottawa Convention**
- **Confidence building amongst the countries in the Region in the field of disarmament**
- **Contribution towards the regional initiative: SEE- region free of AP mines by 2009**



### **Achievements:** <sup>(2)</sup>

- **Improvement of the safety in border zones**
- **Strengthening of the regional stability**
- **Normalization of the life of the population in the mine affected regions and upgrading preconditions for further economic growth in these areas**



### **Other undertakings:**

#### **AP Mines retained under Article 3**

**I. On July 10 2006, 4000 mines were destroyed at the Krivolak army field:**

- **1400mines PMA-1**
- **600mines PMA-2**
- **2000mines PMR-2A**



## Additional Results:

### II. Discovered and destroyed UXO:

- 680 artillery shells (75-155mm);
- 125 hand-grenades;
- 6 air bombs (explosive charge 100-150kg.)
- 32 mortar grenades

**Total: 743 UXO**



## Future activities:

**I. Implementation of the Plan for underwater mine cleaning of the Lake of Ohrid in the period April - August 2007, budget estimation: around 50.000 EUR**





## **Future activities:**



## **II. Research and destruction of UXO from the Balkan wars, WWI and WWII in the regions of:**

- Bitola**
- Prilep/Mariovo**
- Dojran/Gevgelija**
- Ohrid/Debar**