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OTTAWA CONVENTION SEMINAR

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the German Federal Foreign Office, Croatian Office for Mine Action and Croatian Mine Action Centre

23-26 October 2012, RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

AGENDA

Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, 23 October 2012		
<i>Arrival Day</i>		
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	Restaurant
18.30 - 20.00	Dinner	Restaurant
Wednesday, 24 October 2012		
09.00 - 09.30	Seminar Opening – Welcome Address Ambassador Branimir Mandić , Director of RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation Ms. Dijana Pleština, PhD. , Director, Office for Mine Action, Croatia Mr. Miljenko Vahtarić , Acting Head of Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC) Mr. Bill McCrimmon , Counsellor and Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Croatia <i>Subsequently, each seminar participant will have a “thirty-second opportunity” to introduce her/himself to the audience and to highlight personal experiences in Ottawa Convention issues as well as to formulate expectations to the seminar.</i>	Room 310
09.30 - 09.45	Group Photograph (<i>Followed by Administrative Briefing</i>)	
09.45 - 10.15	The Significance of Humanitarian and Security Conventions Ms. Dijana Pleština, PhD. , Director, Office for Mine Action, Croatia – <i>Security and Human Rights: Importance and Obligations</i>	Room 310
10.15 - 10.45	Ms. Danijela Žunec Brandt , First Secretary, International Security Division, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia - <i>Lessons (Still Being) Learnt in the Area of Victim Assistance: From Ottawa Convention to a Wider Multilateral Disarmament Context"</i>	
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 - 11.30	Understanding the Importance of the Ottawa Convention Ms. Paramdeep Mtharu , Implementation Support Officer, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit (APMBC ISU) - <i>Victim Assistance Reporting: Getting to the Heart of the Matter</i>	Room 310
11.30 - 12.00	Mr. Loren Persi , Advocacy Advisor, International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)	

12.00 – 12.45	International Cooperation and Assistance: Donor's Experience Ms. Sabina Boštjančič-Beber, Head of the Department for International Relations, ITF Enhancing Human Security, Slovenia and Ms. Nataša Uršič, Project Manager for Victims Assistance and Risk Awareness and Education Programs, ITF Enhancing Human Security, Slovenia Mr. Wolfgang Raschka, DEMIRA Deutsche Minenräumer e.V., Germany	Room 310
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch	Restaurant

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Wednesday, 24 October 2012 (continued)		
14.15 – 14.45	Needs of Survivors: How do we know what they are? Ms. Jelena Vicentić, Executive Director, Assistance Advocacy Access, Serbia – <i>Needs Assessment Methodology: Case Study from Western Sahara</i>	Room 310
14.45 – 15.30	Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration Ms. Zdenka Pantić, Psychologist, Director, International Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (IRCT), Croatia Mr. Dalibor Jurić and Ms. Jelena Mihanović Tepeš, Social Worker, M.A.R.E., Croatia – <i>M.A.R.E. Case Study</i>	Room 310
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45 – 16.30	Survivor's Experience and Peer Support Mr. Mirsad Tokić, Landmine Survivor, MineAid, Croatia Ms. Mina Žunac, Cluster Munitions Survivor, MineAid, Croatia Mr. Mato Lukić, Landmine Survivor, President of Mine Victims Association of Karlovac County, Croatia	Room 310
19.00 - 20.30	Welcome Dinner (<i>Dress: Jacket and Tie</i>)	Barbara Club

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Thursday, 25 October 2012		
	Field Visit to a Demining Worksite organized by CROMAC (Whole Day)	
09.00	Departure from RACVIAC (<i>by bus</i>)	
10.30/11.00	Arrival to a worksite in Sisak-Moslavina County, near town of Petrinja	
11.00 -12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome speech by the Head of CROMAC • Company director's welcome word • Introduction to the mine problem in the wider area • Worksite presentation by the worksite leader 	
12.00 – 12.30	Visit to Kralj Tomislav Street in Mošćenica where 13 people were killed by mines	
12.30	Departure to CROMAC premises in Sisak	
12.45 – 13.15	“Work on the Ground” Presentation by CROMAC	
13.15 – 13.45	Reporting on the “Work on the Ground” Major Lode Dewaegheneire, Military Advisor on Arms Control at Belgian Defense Staff, Belgium - <i>The Importance of Reporting Within the Ottawa Convention: From an Obligation to an Opportunity and a Tool</i>	
13.45 – 15.15	Lunch	
15.15	Departure for Zagreb (<i>by bus</i>)	
18.30 - 20.00	Dinner	Restaurant

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Friday, 26 October 2012		
09.00 – 09.15	Introduction Into General Discussion Ms. Paramdeep Mtharu , Implementation Support Officer, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit (APMBC ISU) - <i>Short Brief on ISU's Victim Assistance-Related Initiatives and 12MSP Victim Assistance Program</i>	Room 310
09.15 - 10.30	General Discussion and Summary of the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges in National Implementation of Victim Assistance Programs • Cooperation Between GO and NGO Sector in the Development of an Effective Victim Assistance System • Universalization of the Ottawa Convention: The Way Ahead 	Room 310
10.45 - 11.45	Seminar Closing: Closing Address and Ceremony	Room 310
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch, Departure	Restaurant
18.30 - 20.00	Dinner (<i>For those departing the following day</i>)	Restaurant