BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, INPUT PURSUANT THE Resolution 77/64

By UN General Assembly of Resolution No.77/64 from 14 December 2022 which is in connection with the report of the First Committee (A/77/385, para, 110) about Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices, Operational Command has established all relevant suggestions and attitudes mentioned in Resolution.

Recognizing improvised explosive devices as a threat in the area of operation, the Operational Command of AF BiH has established all relevant tactics, techniques, and procedures regarding improvised explosive devices. Relevant TTPs have established tactical and operational levels and they are obligatory for all the AF BiH members.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a Member State, has stressed the importance on preventing of using explosives and other devices for the production of IEDs.

Stressing the importance of comprehensive approaches by the UN, the Operational Command recognized improvised explosive devices as a global threat and engaged all resources for establishing adequate training and training facilities.

Further to the Bosnia and Herzegovina parties’ treaty of Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and Their Destruction, the Operational Command destroyed all anti-personnel mines and fully controls all ammunition storages. Also, throughout the process of demolition of the stockpile, the Operational Command with its capacity supports that activity. That activity is also part of countering improvised explosive devices and preventing using ammunition for the main charge in improvised explosive devices.

Following recommendations for use and updating international standards about improvised explosive devices, the AF BiH has updated and used all relevant international standards. Regarding that, the AF BiH has trained the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Mobile Training Team with the mission of providing C-IED training for all the AF BiH members as well as international members.

In conclusion, Bosnia and Herzegovina as a UN member state respects all Conventions in relation with global threats. Also, the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been recognized as one of the relevant organizations with relevant C-IED training for all parties. As well, Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue upgrading all international standards, especially humanitarian mines standards. All that in the future will be reflected in future operations.