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URL Address:	www.sigov.si/itffund/default.htm
Director:	mag. Jernej Cimperšek, Msc.
Capital:	1,5 million SIT
Number of Employees:	3

Established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia.

Registered as unprofit organization.



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A short history about an organization:

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia has established on 12th of March 1998 an International trust fund for demining and mine victims assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina as unprofit organization. It has donated USD 1,2 million to finance the starting activities.

The United States of America has donated USD 28 million in the »matching« fund activities for the decade of two years.

The »matching« fund activity means that for every spended dollar the International Trust Fund has to raise the equal sum of money.

The International trust fund for demining and mine victims assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina was registered on 1st of September 1998. The bussines offices are in the Ministry of Defense's buildings in Ig.

On the 3rd of November 1998 began the rehabilitation program for mine victims on the theritory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Srpska.

On the 11th of December 1998 it was signed the Memorandum of understanding between Government of the Republic of Slovenia and Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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Vision of the Organization:

To minor the number of mines and mine victims in the theritory of the Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mission of the Organization:

The International trust fund for demining and mine victims assisatnce has two lines:

1. Demining:

To remove and to destroy the mines and all the explosive killing bodies in the theritory of the Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2. Mine Victims Assistance:

The complete medical treatment to mine victims assistance.



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(STATEMENTS)

ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND FOR DEMINING AND MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

1. **Message of Dr. Janez Drnovšek, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia to the attendees of the First Donor Conference of the International Trust Fund (Ljubljana, Slovenia, 9 November 1999):**

"...The Government of the Republic of Slovenia established the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is Slovenia's contribution to the implementation of Ottawa Convention, through a regional approach, which is designed to support post-conflict rehabilitation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to increase stability in the region."

2. **Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations (A/53/L.55) adopted on 30 November 1998:**

o.p. 33: "General Assembly welcomes the efforts of the international community and that of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of demining and in this context welcomes the establishment of the Slovenian International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina and invites members states to cooperate in demining efforts."

3. **Report of the High Representative for Implementation of the Peace Agreement Mr. Carlos Westendorp to the Secretary General of the United Nations (October/December 1998), February 1999:**

"o.p. 104. Demining: Progress continues to be made in the sphere of demining in Bosnia and Herzegovina, most notably with regard to the Slovenian Trust Fund. The MOU between Slovenian Trust Fund and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, still awaiting its signature at the time of the last report, has now been signed. This sets out arrangements for the funding of demining for the future, via the Trust Fund. With several contributions already made, momentum will increase and the Trust Fund should become a major source of income for demining and victims assistance in the years ahead. Donors are to be encouraged to contribute money to through the Trust Fund, in order to draw maximum benefit from the "double the money" mechanism sponsored by the US Government."

4. **Joint Statement of the Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr. Boris Frlec at the occasion of signing Trust Administrative Agreement between the United States and Republic of Slovenia regarding the US donation to the International Trust Fund (4 November 1998):**

"...announced this fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, in affirmation of the strong ties of friendship and cooperation that exist between the Governments of the Republic of Slovenia and the United States of America, and in recognition of their common effort to provide demining and mine victims assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina and other mine-affected countries in the Balkans."

5. **Statement of H.E. Lloyd Anxworthy, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, on the occasion of announcing donation of Canada of CAD 1 million to the International Trust Fund (6 November 1998):**

"...Canada applauds and encourages the spirit of regional co-operation shown by the Governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia developing this Fund. This partnership will have long term benefits for mine action on the ground in Bosnia...
...Canada has committed 10 million dollars over five years and welcomes the opportunity to encourage other donors through this new initiative..."

6. **Declaration of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC), adopted in Madrid, 16 December 1998:
VII. Military and Security Issues:**

"The Council welcomes the success that has been achieved towards creating a self-sustaining demining programme. It urges every effort to develop in 1999, and welcomes the establishment of the Slovenian International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It welcomes the efforts of all countries and organizations involved in demining. It urges other countries to join the International Trust Fund in implementing its goals."

7. **Hidden Killers 1998 (publication of the US Department of State, summer 1998)**

"...The Fund constitutes a significant Slovene contribution to a lasting solution to the landmine crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Working in concert with Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska, Slovenia wishes to assist Bosnia not only in the demining process, but also in helping to establish and sustain an independent Bosnian capability for demining operations and victims assistance programs..."

8. **Statement of Dr. Jadranko Prlić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the occasion of signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in Sarajevo, on 11 December 1998:**

"...The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina was established in March this year by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, so the Republic of Slovenia, once again, showed its readiness for concrete contribution to the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-personnel mines, signed in Ottawa on December 3, 1998."

9. **Address of Dr. Boris Frlec, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia to the First Donor Conference of the International Trust Fund (Ljubljana, 9 November 1999)**

"...International Trust Fund is striving to speed up humanitarian demining operations in the field in Bosnia and Herzegovina and increase assistance to mine victims. We achieve that with support of ongoing efforts of the international community and with cooperation of like minded countries, international governmental and non-governmental organizations. Our task is enormous and challenging. All advantages of the International Trust Fund will be fully exploited only with joint effort of all international donor community, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. I am convinced that altogether, we are able to meet this challenge."



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