



Statement by Turkey

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Mr. President,

Thank you, let me also thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for their efforts and for the informative report presented.

I would very briefly like to share information regarding the activities of my country on cooperation.

As I touched upon in my previous intervention, the Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project is implemented by the UNDP and funded by the EU, Turkey and the UN. Taking this opportunity we would like to thank all our partners for their invaluable support.

TURMAC capacity development efforts are implemented in partnership with the UNDP and GICHD as well as other national partners.

In addition, TURMAC personnel have participated in training courses conducted by the James Madison University and the GICHD.

TURMAC participated in meetings of the conventions related to APLMs and ERW in 2016.

TURMAC also visited the mine action programme of Bosnia-Herzegovina and will continue to visit other mine action programmes for cooperation on mine action related matters in the future.

Turkey is also active on the donor side of international cooperation and assistance.

Turkey has been cooperating with Slovenia's ITF – Enhancing Human Security on various mine action projects and has contributed a total of USD 110.000 to four separate projects of ITF.

Thank You, Mr. President.