



Statement by Turkey

NINETEENTH MEETING OF STATE PARTIES TO THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION (Cooperation and Assistance)

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Thank you, Mr President,

-Turkey aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and in our national capacity, we would like to share information regarding the on cooperation and assistance activities.

-We would like to thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the efforts and the informative report presented.

-Since its establishment, TURMAC initiated inter-institutional cooperation including UNDP, GICHD. In May 2021, representatives of TURMAC attended the 24th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers.

-TURMAC capacity development and continuity efforts are implemented in partnership with the UNDP, GICHD and other national partners during Phase I and Phase II of the Eastern Borders Mine Clearance project.

-Turkey is the lead nation for the third phase of the ANAMA-NATO/NSPA Partnership for Peace Trust Fund Project "Jeyranchel Clearance Project" on the mine/UXO clearance of approximately 22 km² in Azerbaijan. Turkey has financially donated around 200.000 USD since the beginning of the project. A goodwill and cooperation agreement in demining will be signed with Azerbaijan in the coming months (in line with OAP 7 and 47).

-A United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) gender specialist provided training on gender mainstreaming to 24 TURMAC staff in 2020.

-Project titled "Build Regional Community of Practice in Mine/Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) Action", prepared by the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC), which envisages Turkey to contribute 100,000 USD to support

demining efforts in some ASEAN countries are expected to be finalized in due time.

-Turkey's contribution to the ISU budget and sponsorship program continued this year (in line with OAP 10).

-Turkey has been donating to the International Trust Fund (ITF) since 2014 in order to support mine victim assistance around the world. Funded by Turkey, the "Socio-Economic Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Survivors of Mines and UXO" project was carried out in Kosovo by ITF Enhancing Human Security in 2020.

Thank you, Mr. President.