



Statement by Turkey

INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION (Gender and Diversity)

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Thank you, Mr. President,

-I would also like to thank the panellists for their insightful and informative presentations.

-Mr. President, I would briefly talk about the approach of TURMAC to this important matter.

-Gender balance is taken into consideration in all mine action activities in Turkey. %45 of TURMAC's personnel is female and three of them are branch chiefs.

-There is yet no female personnel in the military demining units, however the civilian contractors are encouraged and advised to operate with female personnel. To illustrate, all medics and one NTS personnel of demining contractor in EBMCP Phase-3 will be female.

-In collaboration with UNDP Turkey specialists, "Gender Mainstreaming Awareness Raising" training has been scheduled to be delivered in 2021 aimed at TURMAC personnel.

-The demining and border management projects are designed to promote equality and combating discrimination. The project documents define activities with specific indicators which enable equitable gender participation. All reports provide disaggregated data by age and gender. As an example, the upcoming EBMCP Phase-3 and NTS Project covers a dedicated section of activities aiming this topic.

I thank you, Mr President.