



## Statement by Turkey

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Thank you, Mr President,

-Let me also thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the efforts and for the informative report presented.

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

-Since its establishment, TURMAC initiated not only inter-institutional cooperation with other programmes, states and military bodies, but also international partnership with the UNDP, GICHD. Representatives of TURMAC attended to the 24th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers in May.

-TURMAC capacity development and continuity efforts are implemented in partnership with the UNDP and GICHD as well as 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 km<sup>2</sup> in Azerbaijan. Turkey has financially donated around 200.000 USD since the beginning of the project. Additionally, a good will and cooperation agreement in demining was planned to be signed with Azerbaijan in 2020, however it has been postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions which are in place by both Governments (*in line with OAP 7 and 47*).

-TURMAC has invited the ISU representative in 2020 in order to review "Turkey's Article 5 Extension Request Document" mutually, yet pandemic restrictions are still a force majeure taking a stand against face-to-face interactions. There have been several online meetings conducted between ISU and

Committee on Article 5 Implementation. Enabling by this close cooperation, Turkey's extension draft request submitted in a timely manner (*in line with OAP 28, 30 and 31*).

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

-Funded by Turkey, "Socio-Economic Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Survivors of Mines and UXO" project was carried out in Kosovo by ITF Enhancing Human Security in 2020.

I thank you, Mr. President.