



Statement by Türkiye

20th MEETING OF STATE PARTIES TO THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION (10c, Cooperation and Assistance)

Geneva, 23 November 2022

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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

Mr. President,

-Within the scope of cooperation and assistance, Türkiye sent eight military demining teams and four Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams to Azerbaijan in December 2020 to support the mine clearance activities carried out by Azerbaijan.

-An area of almost 500.000 m² in the liberated regions of Azerbaijan (Ağdam, Cebrail and Hadrut) regions, where agricultural lands, tourist areas and water channels are located, has been cleared by the Turkish military teams since then.

-Humanitarian Mine Action, Mine Clearance, Mine/IED Awareness and Mine Detector Trainings were provided to Azerbaijan Armed Forces personnel by the Turkish military teams.

-20 demining machines were sent to Azerbaijan to support mine clearance activities and a goodwill and cooperation agreement on mine action was signed with Azerbaijan on 18 November.

-The said mechanical mine clearing vehicles, named MEMATT, were manufactured by ASFAT, Military Factory and Shipyard Management , for the

first time with national resources and accredited by TURMAC accreditation teams in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the mine clearance activities. (in line with the OAP Action 7 and 47)

- We are ready to provide further information on its capabilities, specification and features to the interested delegations.

-During the security operations within the scope of border security carried out along the borders of Türkiye with Syria in order to ensure the safety of civilians, 51 A/P mines, 237 IEDs and 383 explosive items placed by terrorists were identified and destroyed. (in line with the OAP Action 47)

-At the request of the Libyan Government, 3169 explosive items were identified and destroyed by our teams. Mine Detector Training was provided to 200 personnel and other trainings in the field of countering mine/explosives were provided to 87 personnel in Libya.

-Türkiye also continues cooperating with ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC).

Mr. President,

-In collaboration with UNDP Türkiye specialists, “Gender Mainstreaming Awareness Raising” training was delivered in 2021 to twenty-three TURMAC personnel (8 female, 15 male).

-The Veteran Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Training and Research Hospital, located in Ankara, shares its experience with other rehabilitation centers.

-Lastly, a military health delegation from Kyrgyzstan visited our Hospital in November.

-Türkiye believes that all stakeholders should contribute to the Convention in a good faith to promote collaboration.

Thank you.