



ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN Directorate of Mine Action Coordination  
Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority

**Afghanistan's Statement on Cooperation and Assistance  
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*Excellencies,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am honored to report on the activities and achievements of Afghanistan in relation to “Cooperation and Assistance”. We have established relationship with the mine action programmes of Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Sudan, South Sudan, Colombia and recently with Turkey and Sudan. I would like to present some of the bilateral cooperation between Afghanistan and these programmes since the last intersessional meeting of APMBC.

- 1) Cooperation with our neighboring country, Tajikistan, takes multifaceted approach, varying from expertise sharing to facilitation of demining and quality management. Upon a request from the Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC) - Afghanistan; Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre (TNMAC) agreed to dedicate two QM officers to conduct QA and QC on mine action activities on behalf of DMAC in Afghanistan-side of border area, where access from Afghanistan is challenging due to geographical limitations. TNMAC QM officers were trained in Afghanistan Mine Action

Standards and external QM by the DMAC prior to conducting QA and QC of demining projects near the Tajik border. The second training on QMS in Mine Action was also provided during April 2018 to TNMAC QM Officers. I would like to thank the Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre for their cooperation.

- 2) A number of MAPA staff have been trained in Tajikistan in EOD level 1, 2 and 3 in 2017. The EOD training programs extended in 2018 and attended by MAPA staff. Some Afghan and Tajik experts helped in delivery of these EOD training programs as co-instructors. The EOD trainings were organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), funded by the Department of State, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement.
- 3) We have also extended cooperation and technical assistance beyond the region. In 2017, Afghanistan hosted two delegations from Turkey and Sudan mine action authorities. Where MAPA provided an opportunity for the colleagues from TURMAC and Sudan National Mine Action Authority (NMAC) to see the Afghan mine action programme processes and management system such as planning, priority setting, non-technical survey, quality management system, information management and management of mine action operations. This exchange visit resulted in requests being made by the TURMAC and Sudan NMAC inviting Afghan experts to share Afghanistan experience with both programmes; the Afghan experts visited Turkey during September and October 2017 to convene detailed training on NTS requirements, and in January and February 2018 for a detailed training

on Information Management in Mine Action. Our Quality Management expert visited Sudan NMAC during February 2018 for two weeks and provided technical supports to NMAC in establishing its quality management system based on the requirements of IMAS 07.12 and ISO 9001:2015.

Thank you,