

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Cooperation and Assistance

Anti- Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional meeting

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I am honored to present on achievements of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in relation to cooperation and assistance since January 2018.

- 1. DMAC 2 staff participated as co-instructors and also 4 other staff of DMAC as attendees in the EOD level 1, 2 and 3 trainings which were organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, in Tajikistan.
- 2. DMAC Provided a one-week training for the two QM staff of the Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre who are conducting external QA/QC of FSD demining operations in Darwaz District, Badakhshan Province of Afghanistan, along the border with Tajikistan.
- 3. DMAC head of QM had a mission to Sudan and provided QM technical assistance to Sudan mine action Programme
- 4. A DMAC delegation participated in the IED threat assessment regional workshop in Astana -Kazakhstan. The aim of the workshop was to provide an accepted platform for raising awareness about the threats posed by IED. DMAC had a chance to share its experience and best practices with the participants from other countries and listen to their presentations.
- 5. Six DMAC staff attended the regional senior managers training course in Tajikistan hosted by James Madison University during June/July 2018.
- 6. A DMAC delegate attended a three-day "International Roundtable on humanitarian Mine Action, Challenges and Best Practices" that was jointly organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Iran Mine Action Centre in March 2019. Later on, a DMAC delegate had a chance to pay a visit to a transition center at which Mine Risk Education is being provided to Afghan returnees by the Iranian Red Crescent Society with financial support from the International Committee of Red Cross. The aim of this visit was to simulate the methods and materials of MRE based on the needs of Afghan returnees.