



Statement by Turkey

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Thank you Mr Chair/Mr Coordinator

Let me also thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the efforts and for the informative report presented. Turkey is pleased to be a member of the Committee and to contribute its works.

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

Since its establishment, TURMAC initiated not only inter-agency cooperation with other programmes, states and military bodies, but also created international partnerships with the UNDP and GICHD. Representatives of TURMAC attended relevant international meetings of the convention in 2018. ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) was visited in the scope of mutual cooperation in 2018.

The Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project is being implemented by the UNDP and funded by the EU, Turkey and the UN. The amount of funding which Turkey provides for this project is approximately 10 million Euros.

TURMAC capacity development efforts are implemented in partnership with the UNDP and GICHD as well as other national partners. TURMAC personnel have participated in training courses conducted by the GICHD. Taking this opportunity we would once again like to thank our partners for their contributions.

Turkey invests around 50 million Turkish Liras for the procurement of new equipment to establish new demining companies. The costs for personnel, training, deployment, maintenance of equipment etc. will increase relatively.

Turkey has been donating to International Trust Fund (ITF) since 2014 in order to support mine victim assistance around the world. The amount of donations add up to approximately 120.000 USD.

Turkey is the lead nation for ANAMA-NATO/NSPA Partnership for Peace Trust Fund Project "Hızı Clearance Project" on the mine/UXO clearance in Azerbaijan.

Thank you.