



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

Afghanistan's Statement on Cooperation & Assistance

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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honored present some of the bilateral cooperation achievements and initiatives between Afghanistan and other programmes since the 16th Meeting of State Parties:

- 1) Upon a request from and on behalf of the Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC) – Afghanistan, two officers from the Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre (TNMAC) carried out quality management and quality control (QA & QC) activities on the Afghanistan side of the border area between the two countries. Tajikistan is facilitating deployment of a demining operator in the boarder district between two countries via its territory as access to these areas from Afghanistan side is challenging due to geographical limitations. These two officers received a refresher QA & QC training in Afghanistan during the month of April 2018. I would like to thank the Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre for their cooperation.

- 2) Several employees from various MAPA partners have been trained in EOD level 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Tajikistan between May and November 2018. These EOD trainings were organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and funded by the U.S. Department of State through its Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA). It is mentionable that Afghan and Tajik experts helped in the delivery of these EOD training programs as co-instructors.
- 3) As part of regional cooperation, a delegation from MAPA participated in a senior management training in Dushanbe, Tajikistan between 25 June and 13 July 2018. The course was facilitated by Center for International Stabilization & Recovery (CISR) and James Madison University (JMU).
- 4) Five MAPA staff participated in a regional cooperation workshop on Improvised Explosive Devices threat assessments in Astana, Kazakhstan in September 2018. The workshop was facilitated by OSCE Office of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan. The Afghan participants delivered two presentations, sharing their experience on the challenge of IED contamination in Afghanistan. The Afghanistan Directorate of Mine Action Coordination also shared the copy of its national policy on Improvised Mines with the participants
- 5) DMAC Operations and Planning staff shared their experience on Post Demining Impact Assessments (PDIA) and Livelihoods surveys, as well as the use of the DMAC Balanced Scorecard with a Programme Officer from UNMAS's Democratic Republic of Congo Office.

We are looking forward to further mutual cooperation with other affected countries and partners.