



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE  
VIENNA**

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The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) and, in accordance with the Forum for Security Cooperation Decision No: 7/04 dated 24 November 2004, has the honour to submit the reply of Turkey to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Land Mines.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States and to the CPC the assurances of its highest consideration.



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- Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE
- Conflict Prevention Centre

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**TURKEY  
(2017)**

**OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**

**Part I**

**1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?**

Turkey is a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 CCW.

**2. Please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.**

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**3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II?**

**4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?**

**5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

**6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.**

**Part II**

**7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?**

Yes, Turkey joined the Ottawa Convention in March 2004.

**8. (a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.**

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**(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?**

**(c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?**

Law No: 6586 on “Establishment of a National Mine Action Centre and Amendment of Some Other Laws” with the aim of defining modalities and basis regarding functions, jurisdiction and responsibilities of the National Mine Action Centre, which will carry out mine and/or unexploded ammunition clearance activities within the territory of the Republic of Turkey, was adopted on 22 January 2015 by the Turkish Grand National Assembly and entered into force on 3 February 2015 following its publication in the Official Gazette. The abovementioned law entitles the Turkish Mine Action Centre (TURMAC), established under the Ministry of National Defence, to define policies towards mine and/or unexploded ammunition clearance activities within the territory of the Republic of Turkey, to plan and steer these activities, to monitor the execution of such activities in accordance with the established rules, to carry out the necessary coordination and cooperation with domestic and foreign institutions.

**9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?**

Although a program specifically prepared for mine victims do not exist, within the context of existing laws, mine victims and their families receive monthly payments, employment opportunities, enterprising grant, free job counselling and courses according to their condition. Work is still underway to develop a shared database specifically designed for mine victims. Additionally, within the context of current legislations, mine victims who are unable to perform daily activities without assistance receive support in acquiring medicine and medical equipment free of charge.

**10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.**

**11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.**