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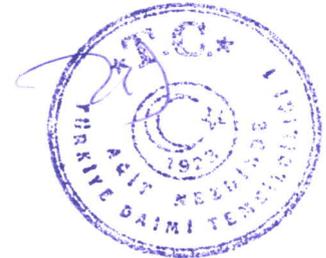


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The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) and, 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.

Vienna, 30 May 2022



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

Vienna

## 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)?**

Türkiye 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. If yes, 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.**

Annual report in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol is attached to Annex-1.

**If no:**

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

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

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

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

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### 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?**

Türkiye is a state party the Ottawa Convention since 01 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.**

[https://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/\\_APMBC-DOCUMENTS/Art7Reports/2022-Turkey-Art7Report-for2021.pdf](https://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/_APMBC-DOCUMENTS/Art7Reports/2022-Turkey-Art7Report-for2021.pdf)

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

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**(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?**

The use of APLMs on Turkish territory was banned by a directive dated 26 January 1998. Demining process has started since then. With humanitarian considerations in mind, Türkiye had initially put into effect a renewable three year moratorium on 17 January 1996, banning the export and transfer of APLMs. This moratorium was extended on 15 October 1998 for another three years and on 17 January 2002 it was extended indefinitely. Türkiye became a party to the Ottawa Convention in March 2004 and afterwards established Turkish Military Demining Troops so as to fulfill her obligations.

In order to effectively destroy mines and other ordnance, a destruction facility was built by the Turkish Armed Forces, which entered into service in 2007 and destruction of stockpiled mines have been completed in 2011.

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 unexploded ammunition clearance activities within the territory of the Republic of Türkiye, was adopted on 22 January 2015 by the Turkish Grand National Assembly and entered into force on 03 February 2015 following its publication in the Official Gazette. Law 6586 was nullified with the legislative decree 703 on 9 July 2018 after the introduction of the new Presidential System of Government. Article 342 of Presidential Decree No 1, which is almost identical with Law 6586, was entered into force on 10 July 2018.

The abovementioned law entitles the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) established under the Ministry of National Defence, to define policies towards mine and unexploded ammunition clearance activities within the territory of the Republic of Türkiye, 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.

A communication line with the General Staff, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Interior Gendarmerie General Command and Governorship of our respective Provincial Health Directorates, the Ministry of Family and Social Services and other relevant ministries and bodies was established. These institutions notify TURMAC of the personal data (identity, age, sex, occupation etc.), contact details and health status of mine victims, and report the changes and developments periodically.

Additionally, the Ministry of Health set up a module for civilian mine victims in the “Health Management System” in Türkiye, in order to monitor and assist mine victims easier. 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.

Due to the coordination, which has been established between the Ministry of Family and Social Services and TURMAC, victims of the Mines/IED's have the opportunity to reintegrate into society by means of certain privileges, which are provided for them and their families. Transportation service is provided by the said Ministry for mine victims to ensure their access to rehabilitation centers. The Law number 5378 on the Disabled People, The Regulation on victims' accessibility to the domestic tourism transport service was published on 13 January 2017 and came into force.

With the implementation of "Turkish Armed Forces Rehabilitation and Care Centre Project", revitalizing victims' joy of life has become the common goal. The main purpose of the organization is to prepare a healthy, prosperous and a self-sufficient future for victims. It is made possible for victims to integrate into social life by various social events within the facilities organized for them. In this context, occupational therapy and participation in vocational rehabilitation unit facilities are provided for victims in order to make them more active during their daily lives.

Additionally, TURMAC has conducted an analysis through its database and determined 899 risky villages in 15 provinces and 42 districts. TURMAC has prioritized these regions in line of victim data and reflected its results in preparation of "National Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Plan" (NEOREP), as a part of its Strategic Mine Action Plan (2020-2025). NEOREP has three courses of actions which are aimed to be conducted simultaneously.

- Non-Technical Survey (NTS) of all minefields in Türkiye will be conducted in scope of Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project (EBMCP) Phase-3. With the scope of EBMCP Phase-3, NTS teams will conduct explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) in the vicinity of these minefields during their survey activities. Starting from May 2021, NTS teams carried out EORE sessions in Şanlıurfa, Hakkari and Iğdır. A total of 465 people (125 women, 291 men and 49 children) participated in this trainings.

- An EORE Protocol signed between TURMAC and Gendarmerie General Command covering 15 provinces, 42 districts and 899 villages. According to the Protocol, TURMAC provided trainers' training to 170 Gendarmerie personnel who were assigned to provide EORE in Diyarbakır, Batman, Siirt, Mardin and Şırnak in 2021. It is also planned to provide trainers' training in six more provinces (Kars, Bingöl, Tunceli, Hakkari, Van and Bitlis) in 2022. In the first three months of 2022, Gendarmerie EORE teams provided EORE to 411 residents who live close to minefields in Siirt. TURMAC will continue to provide trainer training to Gendarmerie personnel in EORE and monitor their EORE activities.

- It is planned to provide EORE to our citizens through non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in order to disseminate EORE and increase awareness about mine/UXO risks and prevent possible mine/UXO accidents in 4 mine affected provinces (Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Hatay and Kilis) in 2022. The coordination process of the protocol, which was prepared to determine the principles of cooperation, continues.

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

Türkiye benefits from EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds for mine clearance within the scope of the Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project Phase-3 to be carried out between 2021 and 2023. And as the continuation of Phase-3, a request is made to benefit from EU IPA funds for the purpose of mine clearance between 2023 and 2025.

Other than IPA funds, Türkiye does not require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance.

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

Within the restoration activity of the St. George and St. Jacobs Church's locates in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, mine and unexploded ordnance clearing on 13.000 m<sup>2</sup> area carried out by the Turkish Army Mine Clearance Units in 2019.

Türkiye donated approximately 30.000 US Dollars to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Mine Action Center (ARMAC) in order to contribute to the supply of the tools and materials needed to be used in secretariat services.

"Cooperation Protocol" was signed between TURMAC and Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) within scope of training and experience sharing for mine actions in 2019.

Türkiye sent 8 military demining teams and 4 EOD teams to Azerbaijan in December 2020 to support the mine clearance activities carried out by Azerbaijan. An area of almost 430.000 m<sup>2</sup> has been cleared by the Turkish military teams in Azerbaijan until May 2022. Additionally, 6 demining machines (MEMATT-I), manufactured for the first time with domestic and national means were sent to Azerbaijan to support mine clearance activities.

Humanitarian Mine Action, Mine Clearance, Mine/IED Awareness and Mine Detector Trainings were provided to Azerbaijan Armed Forces personnel by the Turkish military teams. Additionally, a good will and cooperation agreement on mine action is planning to be signed with Azerbaijan in 2022.

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

**PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**  
(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)

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### REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of Türkiye

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 25/03/2022

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF CONTACT: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Directorate General for the OSCE, Arms Control and Disarmament, +90 (312) 292 17-94, +90 (312) 292 56-60 usgy-3@mfa.gov.tr  
(Organization, telephones, fax, e-mail)

This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

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F

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## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form A Dissemination of information

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

Reporting for time period

from:

01/01/2021

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2021

dd/mm/yyyy

#### INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

**Turkish Land Forces (TLF) and Gendarmerie Command are in the process of forming one new humanitarian demining company each. The 2 new companies' equipments are ready at the moment. Personnel assignment and training of these staff is expected to be completed in 2021 and 2022.**

#### INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

**The minefields on eastern and southern borders are fenced and the warning signs are attached in order to protect innocent people. These territories are “military zones” that keeps civilians out of danger.**

**In addition to the minefields at the borders, there are some mined areas (around military bases) that are formed by military units against terrorist activities. But the acreage of these areas are very minor and also equipped with warning signs.**

**People who are living close to these territories are being informed by local and security authorities about the mines. In 2021 via Non-Technical Survey (NTS) project, in the scope of Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project (EBMCP) Phase-3, residents who live close to minefields are trained by the NTS teams.**

**On the other hand, Turkish Gendarmerie Forces assigned 170 personnel in order to carry out Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) activities in the relevant vicinities. The amount of this personnel is expected to increase in 2022.**

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (b)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

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#### MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

**1. EBMCP Phase-3 started on March 2021. Phase-3 will contain; mine clearance, Non-Technical Survey (NTS) and EORE elements. This project is funded by EU and Turkish Government.**

**2. Mine Clearance Units of Turkish Land Forces (TLF) and Gendarmerie General Command carried out humanitarian demining operations in the minefields at southern borders (TLF) and eastern borders (Gendarmerie).**

**These units also support the border wall, Fiber/Optic cables and other means of construction which is a part of Integrated Border Management (IBM) system. These units are funded by Turkish Government.**

**In 2021, 287,419 m<sup>2</sup> area by TLF and 207,730 m<sup>2</sup> area by Gendarmerie units are handed over to TURMAC.**

**3. Accreditation and Quality Management services for TLF and Gendarmerie units carried out by TURMAC.**

**4. In 2021, approximately 4 million m<sup>2</sup> area is cancelled by means of NTS.**

#### REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

**Unchanged.**

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### **Form C**                      **Technical requirements and relevant information**

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (c)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

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#### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**Unchanged.**

#### **ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

**Unchanged.**

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form D                      Legislation

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (d)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

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#### LEGISLATION:

**Unchanged.**

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form E **International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

NTR.

#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

- 1. TURMAC is in close coordination with UNDP and EU in terms of humanitarian demining operations.**
- 2. TURMAC is preparing a project document for EBMCP Phase-4 including Van province in order to be funded by EU.**

#### **TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**

Unchanged.

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Other relevant matters

#### Form F

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (f) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(f) other relevant matters.”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

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#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

**Nothing To Report (NTR)**

## AMENDED PROTOCOL II

### Form G

### Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

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Article 11,  
paragraph 2,

“2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

*Remark:*

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Türkiye

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#### MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

**Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) are in use as another asset in mine clearance as of 2021 season. MDDs are used for verification.**

#### LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

**Unchanged**

#### NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

**Unchanged**

## OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

**1. Has your country notified the Depositary of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force? Is your country considering doing so?**

Türkiye is not a state party to the CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War.

**2. If yes, at what stage is the process?**

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**3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.**

Türkiye does not have any identified area (land) in terms of ERW contamination.

**4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.**

Türkiye has the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW.