



Statement by Turkey

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Thank you, Madam Coordinator,

Since this is the first time that I am taking the floor, on behalf of my delegation let me congratulate Sudan and Ambassador Mohammed for the assumption of the presidency.

I would also like to thank the distinguished panelists for their insightful and informative presentations.

Madam Coordinator, I would briefly talk about the approach of Turkish Mine Action Centre to this important matter.

Gender balance is taken into consideration in all mine action activities in Turkey. %45 of TURMAC personnel are women and three of them are branch chiefs. There is yet no female personnel in the military demining units, however the civilian contractors are encouraged and advised to operate with female personnel as well.

Cognizant of the fact that, if we want to make more progresses in all aspects of arms control and disarmament we need to employ more women, and as a sign in this direction, I may give the information that all medics and information management personnel of demining contractor in Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project Phase-2 were women.

The demining and border management projects are designed to promote equality and combating discrimination. The project documents define

activities with specific indicators which enable equitable gender participation.

All reports provide disaggregated data by age and gender. As another example, I would like to share the information that the upcoming Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project Phase-3 Document of Project covers a dedicated section of activities particularly aiming at this topic.

I thank you, Madam Coordinator.