

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF  
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

**Reporting Formats for Article 7**

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**Form A National implementation measures**

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**Actions Taken To Fulfil Commitments Undertaken In Extension Requests**

1. Having become a signatory to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in 2004, Turkey has committed to fulfil all her obligations under the Convention within 10 years.
2. The destruction of the stockpile of anti-personnel mines was completed in 2011, thus fulfilling the commitment under Article 4 of the Convention.
3. Mine clearance projects have been developed to fulfil the commitment under Article 5 of the Convention. However, satisfactory progress could not be achieved due to developments in direct proximity to Turkey. The deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 has now been extended until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
4. Since the establishment of the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) in 2015, mine clearance operations and mine action activities have intensified and clearance output has increased significantly.
5. Establishment of new demining companies have been approved by the Ministry of National Defence. The new teams will be operational by the end of 2018.

**Legal Arrangements Regarding the National Mine Action Center**

6. As per Law No: 694 of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 'National Mine Action Centre (TURMAC) reports directly to the Undersecretary of the Ministry of National Defence.
7. National Mine Action Standards including land release policy have been prepared and sent to the National Standards Institute of Turkey on April 2017. They are expected to be endorsed in 2018. First meeting of the National Standard Review Board will be held in the first half of 2018 and subsequently twice a year regularly with the attendance of relevant agencies.
8. The first-ever National Strategic Mine Action Plan for 2019-2021 was drafted and is expected to be approved and published in the Official Gazette in 2018. The three-year plan covers national capacity development, survey and clearance of mined areas and areas containing unexploded ordnance within the borders of the Republic of Turkey, provision of mine risk education and assistance to mine victims.

## **National Capacity Development**

9. In accordance with the findings of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in October 2017 to assess needs related to capacity, and with the assistance of UNDP, Turkey made significant progress in capacity development.
10. Structural changes have taken place at TURMAC and the Centre has been strengthened with additional personnel. Development of standard operating procedures and other organizational arrangements are still underway.
11. The Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) system has been established and will be fully operational in 2018. Significant amount of personnel both from TURMAC and military demining troops have been trained. In addition to military demining troops, IMSMA will also be used in Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project (EBMCP) Phase-2.
12. TURMAC organized various trainings (introduction to humanitarian mine action, non-technical survey, IMSMA trainings etc.) to improve individual capacity of not only its own personnel but also of other related organisations in Turkey. Close cooperation was maintained with organisations such as UNDP and GICHD.
13. TURMAC Personnel was given ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management System trainings (a total of 12 courses) as well as Quality Management in Mine Action Training from GICHD in 2017. The quality management of military demining troops will be conducted by TURMAC personnel.
14. Military demining troops have been accredited for their manual demining capacity in 2017. Additionally, establishment of five new demining companies have been approved by the Ministry of National Defence. The procurement of equipment including demining equipment for the new companies are underway and will be finalized in 2018. Three of those teams are planned to be operational by the end of 2018 and rest in 2019.

## **Survey and Demining Operations along Eastern Borders of Turkey**

15. EBMCP project is funded by the EU, Turkey and the UN; managed and overseen by the UNDP and implemented through commercial contracts with Denel MECHEM and RPS Engineering Company. Phase I of the project has been completed with a total output of 3.296.240 m<sup>2</sup> released land and 25.667 mines destroyed (2016 and 2017). 637.685 m<sup>2</sup> of cleared land, 75.445 m<sup>2</sup> of reduced land and 2.583.110 m<sup>2</sup> of cancelled land indicates that an efficient land release policy was implemented.
16. Phase 2 of the project will commence on May 2018 and there are plans for at least 1.2 million m<sup>2</sup> of minefield to be released. The same land release policy will be applied.

17. Additionally Military Demining Troops of Gendarmerie have cleared 59.195 m<sup>2</sup> of land which accounts for approximately 1 million m<sup>2</sup> of suspected hazardous area in Iğdır and Doğubeyazıt provinces. The land will be released in 2018 after verification. Additional minefields which accounts for 603.710 m<sup>2</sup> of contaminated area will also be released. During these operations, IMSMA has been used and quality control is assured.

#### **Survey and Demining Operations Along Syrian Border**

18. To enable safe construction of the Border Security Surveillance System which covers 730 km along the Syrian Border in 2017, military demining teams were also deployed.

19. Four demining teams conducted demining operations in Karkamış and Elbeyli regions on Syrian Border. During these operations, an approximate 250.000 m<sup>2</sup> land was cleared (64 mines found/destroyed) and delivered to relevant authorities to be used as customs areas.

20. Non-technical Survey has been conducted in Hatay Region. It was found out that the areas registered as suspected had been used as agricultural land for many decades and the area has been mine free. Consequently, approximately 5 million m<sup>2</sup> of land has been cancelled.

#### **Survey and Demining Operations in Non-border Areas**

21. Non-technical survey has been conducted at the previously used military range (2.513.000 m<sup>2</sup>) in Eskişehir province, where the Trans-Anatolia Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) project will be built. The area has been determined as safe and delivered to the relevant authorities.

22. Due to ongoing capacity development efforts and priority for wall and customs area construction, survey could be conducted only in the minefields to be cleared along the Syrian Border. Non-technical survey for non-border areas is planned for 2018.

**Form B      Stockpiled anti-personnel mines**

Article 7.1    "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) <sup>1\*</sup>

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
TOTAL			

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\* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

**Form C APMs retained or transferred**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1a. Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Armed Forces	DM11	2.424	-	1.267 destroyed
Armed Forces	M14	2.170	-	1.180 destroyed
Armed Forces	M16	1.756	-	3 destroyed
Armed Forces	M2	2.953	-	2.709 destroyed
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>9.303</b>		

1b. *Voluntary information* (*Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan*)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information
		<i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
		"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use"

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time.

**Form C** (continued)

2. Transferred for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
N/A	-	None	-	
TOTAL	-----	None		

3. Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
N/A	-	None	-	
TOTAL	-----	None		

## Form D Areas known or suspected to contain mines

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of AP mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

### 1. Areas that contain or suspected to contain mines and number of mines

Location	Number of areas known to contain A/P mines	Area known to contain anti-personnel mines (m <sup>2</sup> )	Date of emplacement	Number of mines		Number of areas suspected to contain A/P mines	Area suspected to contain A/P mines (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations	Supplementary information
				A/P	A/T				
Syria Border	1.301	139.040.431	1955-1996	413.117	194.649	84	Unknown	139.040.431	Karkamış/Elbeyli : 35 AP, 29 A/T , 250.000 m <sup>2</sup> cleared, Cancellation (NTS) 5.000.000 m <sup>2</sup>
Iraq Border	596	2.862.835	1955-1996	79.017	-	373	Unknown	2.862.835	
Iran Border*	455	17.974.376	1955-1996	171.844	-	38	Unknown	17.974.376	EBMCP: 15667 A/P found, 3.296.240 m <sup>2</sup> released (122.764 cleared in 2016) Mil.Dem.Units:10679 A/P found, 59.195 m <sup>2</sup> cleared.
Armenia Border	42	1.097.077	1955-1996	20.275	-	-	-	1.097.077	
Other than Borders	667	3.107.849	1955-1996	34.410	-	206	Unknown	3.107.849	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.061</b>	<b>164.082.568</b>		<b>718.663</b>	<b>194.649</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>164.082.568</b>	

\*A fragment of mined areas also intersect with Azerbaijani border. Demining operations in this area was initiated in 2017. The work along the Azerbaijani border segment is planned to be completed in 2018.

## 2. Accomplishments in 2017

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of areas known or suspected to contain APMs at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<b>Total area known or suspected to contain APMs at the beginning of the reporting period (square metres)</b>	<b>Amount of area cleared during the reporting period (square metres)</b>	<b>Amount of area reduced during the reporting period (square metres)</b>	<b>Amount of area cancelled during the reporting period (square metres)</b>	<b>Total area addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations during the reporting period (square metres)</b>	<b>Number of Areas remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>Total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations at the end of the reporting period (square metres)</b>
Syria Border	1.392	144.290.431	250.000	-	5.000.000	5.250.000	1.385	(139.040.431)
Iraq Border	969	2.862.835	-	-	-	-	969	2.862.835
Iran Border*	505	21.207.047	574.116	75.445	2.583.110	3.232.671	493	17.974.376
Armenia Border	42	1.097.077	-	-	-	-	42	1.097.077
Other than Borders	873	3.107.849	-	-	-	-	873	3.107.849
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.781</b>	<b>172.565.239</b>	<b>824.116</b>	<b>75.445</b>	<b>7.583.110</b>	<b>8.482.671</b>	<b>3.762</b>	<b>164.082.568</b>

\*A fragment of mined areas also intersect with Azerbaijani border. Demining operations in this area was initiated in 2017. The work along the Azerbaijani border segment is planned to be completed in 2018.

**Form D (Continued) Status of programs for destruction of APMs**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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3.a. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

No change from previous report.

3.b. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

No change from previous report.

**Form D (Continued) APMs destroyed after entry into force**

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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4.a. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
<b>Various</b>	<b>2.938.060</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.938.060</b>		

4.b. Destruction of APMs, ATMs and UXOS in mined areas (Article 5)

Location	Items Destroyed			Supplementary information
	APMs destroyed	ATMs destroyed	UXO destroyed	
Syria Border	<b>5.957</b>	<b>1.026</b>	-	Karkamış/Elbeyli : 35 A/P, 29 A/T destroyed.
Iraq Border	<b>566</b>	-	-	
Iran Border*	<b>40.721</b>	-	-	EBMCP: 15.667 A/P destroyed. Military Demining Units: 10.679 A/P destroyed.
Armenia Border	<b>231</b>	-	-	
Other than Borders	<b>14.033</b>	-	-	
<b>TOPLAM</b>	<b>61.508</b>	<b>1.026</b>	-	

\*A fragment of mined areas also intersect with Azerbaijani border. Demining operations in this area was initiated in 2017. The work along the Azerbaijani border segment is planned to be completed in 2018.



**Form F      Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities**

Article 7.1      "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

    e) "The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

State [Party]: \_\_\_\_\_ reporting for time period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
N/A	-	-
N/A	-	-



## Form H Victim Assistance and Other Relevant Matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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### 1. Mine Victim Data

a. In order to improve sustainable flow of information, a communication line with relevant ministries and bodies was established. The General Staff, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Family and Social Policies and other relevant ministries and bodies will notify TURMAC of the personal data (identity, age, sex, occupation etc.), contact details and health status of mine victims, and report changes and developments quarterly (in January, April, July and October). Additionally, the Ministry of Health has set up a new module for civilian mine victims in the “Health Management System”, in order to monitor and assist mine victims easier.

b. The Ministry of Interior, through the Gendarmerie and National Police, will communicate to TURMAC all information on mine and munition accidents (date and time, place, how, information on injured etc.) in areas under their responsibility within one month of each occurrence.

c. Work will be engaged on the basis of individuals considered mine victim under the legislation, and necessary coordination will be held with the relevant bodies so that every mine victim may attain their legal rights.

d. Casualties by explosion of APLMs (the number of security forces personnel who are affected from IEDs in anti-terrorism operations are excluded.)

Casualty Data	Mine Victims		Humanitarian Demining Accident		Total
	Wounded	Death	Wounded	Death	
Men	7	2	4 (two of them are military personnel)	0	23
Women	0	0	0	0	
Boys	7	2	-	-	
Girls	0	1	-	-	

## 2. Social Inclusion

Ministry of Youth and Sports (Sports Federation for the Disabled) and Veterans Physical Treatment, Education and Research Centre organize activities for mine victims.

## 3. Medical Care

Within the context of current legislation, mine victims who are unable to perform daily activities without assistance receive support in acquiring medicine and medical equipment free of charge.

## 4. Economic Inclusion

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. Additionally, work is still underway to develop a shared database specifically designed for mine victims.

## 5. Cooperation and Assistance

a. Since its establishment, TURMAC initiated not only inter-institutional cooperation with other programmes, states and military bodies, but also international partnership with the UNDP, GICHD. Representatives of TURMAC attended relevant international meetings of the convention and visited Afghanistan Mine Action Center in 2017. Croatian Mine Action Center (CROMAC), Azerbaijan National Mine Action Center (ANAMA) and ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC) will be visited within the scope of mutual cooperation in 2018.

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

c. 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 James Madison University and the GICHD.

d. Turkey invests around 13 million USD for the procurement of new equipment to establish new demining companies.

e. Turkey has been donating to the International Trust Fund (ITF) since 2014 in order to support mine victim assistance around the world. The number of donations add up to 110.000 USD.

f. Turkey is the lead nation for the Third Phase of the ANAMA-NATO/NSPA Partnership for Peace Trust Fund Project "Jeyranchel Clearance Project" on the mine/UXO clearance of approximately 22 km<sup>2</sup> in Azerbaijan. Turkey has financially donated around 200.000 USD since the beginning of the project.