II. Section (Clarity Regarding Remaining Challenge);

The territories within the country (Diyarbakır, Mardin, Batman, Siirt, Tunceli, Bingöl, Hakkari)-except the southern and eastern borders- which have been contaminated by unexploded explosives are planned to be cleaned in accordance with a prioritized Schedule.

IIIrd Section (National Plans for Clearance and Survey);

In the context of the Eastern Border de-mining Project and with the fund that would be provided in the frame of IPA-II (2016) EU Financial Assistance, along the eastern borders of the country (Ardahan, Kars, Iğdır and Ağrı), 106 mine fields are to be cleared. Besides, with 2.121 million Euro contribution of Turkey, non-technical survey activity in 2900 mine fields are to be executed.

Additionally,
- clearance of 20 million square meters by Special Mine Searching Teams (ÖMAT/JÖMAT) until 2025 is planned, and;
- cancellation of 40% of mined area (almost 60 million square meters) within all contaminated areas by non-technical survey is expected.

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Even if above mentioned goals are reached in the next years, it is still obvious that an important number of mined areas would be left that could not be cleared. Therefore, in accordance with the goal of “Turkey without mines” support of international organizations/institutions are expected.

IVth Section (Efficient and Expedient Implementation);

In 2019, in accordance with the IMAS standards 46 National Mine Action Standards have been issued. Among these standards, foundations related to land release take place with the code of “MMFS 07.11”. These standards have been implemented in order to conduct effective de-mining activities.

In the context of Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project, in order to execute more effective mine clearance “Operational Mine Clearance Process” has been defined. In this process, instead of searching the whole mine field; first reconnaissance is conducted towards dedicating mine belts; then a phased mine clearance consisting of searching these belts; confirmation and lost mine searching has been executed.

In order to make Special Mine Searching Teams more active in de-mining activities, mission orders have been prepared in line with the application of the methods that are available in the land release standards.