



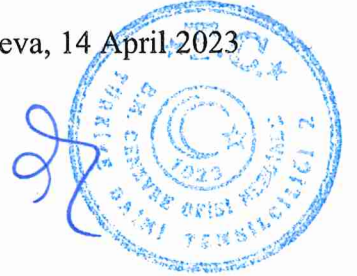
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and with reference to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and On Their Destruction has the honour to enclose herewith the National Report of the Republic of Türkiye, prepared in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 14 April, 2023



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**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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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

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"

State [Party]: Republic of Türkiye reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2022 to 31 DEC 2022

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

Institution authorized by State Party	Type (A/P)	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Armed Forces	DM-11	1.431	-	627 used for permitted purposes.
	M-14	1.358	-	
	M-16	1.401	-	
	M-2	1.464	-	
Gendarmerie Forces	M-46	10	-	2 used for permitted purposes.
	DM-11	25	-	
	M-14	25	-	
	M-16	12	-	
	M-2	2	-	
TOTAL		5.728		

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.

2. In 2022, a total of 629 mines were used for certification of new mechanical demining machines and mine clearance equipment, training of newly appointed military demining units and refresher trainings of other units.

Form D Location of mined areas

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 ²)	Date of emplacement	Number of mines		Number of areas suspected to contain A/P mines	Area suspected to contain A/P mines (m ²)	Total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations
				A/P	A/T			
Syrian Border	1.517	114.597.746	1955-1996	409.815	193.156	-	-	114.597.746
Iraqi Border	874	2.805.155	1955-1996	78.886	-	-	-	2.805.155
Iranian Border	392	13.447.055	1955-1996	66.714	-	-	-	13.447.055
Armenian Border	0	0	1955-1996	0	-	-	-	0
Other than Borders	918	2.540.802	1955-1996	33.765	-	-	-	2.540.802
TOTAL	3.701	133.390.758		589.180	193.156			133.390.758

2. Progress made during the reporting period 1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022

Location	Number of areas known or suspected to contain APMs at the beginning of the reporting period	Total area known or suspected to contain APMs at the beginning of the reporting period (m ²)	Amount of area cleared during the reporting period (m ²)	Amount of area reduced during the reporting period (m ²)	Amount of area cancelled during the reporting period (m ²)	AP mine destroyed	AT mines destroyed	UXO destroyed	Total area addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations during the reporting period (m ²)	Number of Areas remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations at the end of the reporting period	Total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations at the end of the reporting period (m ²)
Syrian Border	1.519	119.202.073	221.510	3.124	4.379.693	69	30	1	4.604.327	1.517	114.597.746
Iraqi Border	874	2.842.935	37.655	125	-	31	-	1	37.780	874	2.805.155
Iranian Border	449	14.899.893	653.438	446.362	353.038	37.556	-	-	1.452.838	392	13.447.055
Armenian Border	43	1.097.077	375.375	365.049	356.653	20.389	-	1	1.097.077	0	0
Other than Borders	919	2.544.911	2.727	1.382	-	33	-	1	4.109	918	2.540.802
TOTAL	3.804	140.586.889	1.290.705	816.042	5.089.384	58.078	30	4	7.196.131	3.701	133.390.758

Demining Operations

3. Since the establishment of the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) in 2015, demining operations and the other mine action activities have intensified, clearance output has increased significantly and commendable progress has been made. Since the first extension request, Türkiye made a great effort to fulfil its commitment under Article 5 of the Convention, approximately **39 million square meters** have been addressed with almost **193.000** anti-personnel mines identified and destroyed. The total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligation in Türkiye has been reduced over the period of **2014-2022** from **172 million square meters to 133 million square meters**.

4. Within the scope of Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project (EBMCP) Phase-III, demining contract was signed on **23 March 2021**. In the project managed by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and carried out by commercial contractors, an area of **2,3 million m²** has been addressed (**49.040 mines** found/destroyed), demining process of 72 of 94 minefields in Ardahan, Kars, Iğdır and Ağrı provinces have been completed since the beginning of the project. EBMCP Phase-III is planned to be completed by the end of 2023. (In line with the Convention's additional request for information on "Resource mobilization efforts, external financing received and resources made available by the government of Türkiye to support implementation efforts".)

5. TURMAC has prepared a project document for EBMCP Phase-IV to be financed by the EU to carry out demining in the province of Van on the Iranian border. With the project, it is planned to clear in an area of approximately 3,5 million m² in Van between 2024 and 2025.

6. Eight (8) Military Demining Teams of Gendarmerie addressed **182.665 m²** of land (**8.938** mines found/destroyed in 28 areas) in Van and Şırnak provinces of Türkiye in 2022. **(in line with the OAP Action 22)**

7. Twenty (20) Military Demining Teams of Land Forces conducted demining operations in Hatay, Kilis, Şırnak and Hakkari provinces of Türkiye. During these operations, approximately **262.414 m²** of land was addressed (**130** mines found/destroyed in 19 areas) and delivered to relevant authorities in 2022. **(in line with the OAP Action 22)**

8. Four (4) Military Demining Teams of Land Forces carried out demining operations in Azerbaijan in 2022 to support the mine clearance activities of Azerbaijan. (Cleaning information is shared under the Form-I "Cooperation and Assistance".)

Survey Operations

9. As a result of the operations carried out by both EBMCP Non-Technical Survey (NTS) teams and EBMCP demining teams, more than **5 million m²** of land was cancelled in 2022. **(in line with the OAP Action 18 and 22)**

10. NTS Project as part of EBMCP Phase-III, which is planned to be completed by the end of 2023, non-technical survey activities of 3.054 minefields have been completed by commercial contractors since the beginning of the project on southern and eastern borders. Within the scope

of the project, field visits, reporting, quality management and assessment activities of remaining 448 areas in the provinces of Şırnak, Diyarbakır and Batman will be carried out. All minefields within Türkiye are aimed to be surveyed by contractors under the management and coordination of the UNDP. NTS Teams of TURMAC are currently supporting these operations in terms of quality control and counselling. At the end of the project, it is desired to face an output figuring out the real amount of suspected and confirmed hazardous areas to a great extent, thus allowing a more reliable and precise schedule planning of mine clearance activities for the upcoming years. Since the quality management process of all minefields has not been completed and the data has not been uploaded to the IMSMA, the progress made within the scope of the project has not been completely added to the “Progress made during the reporting period” table.

Prioritization

11. TURMAC has prioritized its mine clearance activities with regard to the following characteristics of the contaminated land. Türkiye has the capacity to address all prioritization levels simultaneously in order to meet the requirements of the government and ensure safety for its citizens;

a. **Prioritization Level 1** : Lands with minefields along the southern and eastern borders of the Türkiye which prevents the establishment/construction of the new technological border surveillance system (watchtower, patrol road etc.).

b. **Prioritization Level 2** : Interior lands with minefields that are posing a danger to inhabitants.

c. **Prioritization Level 3** : Lands that are requested by governmental organizations to be cleared.

d. **Prioritization Level 4** : Lands in dispute along the borders and interior parts of Türkiye belong to private owners.

Resources for Implementation

12. 30.000.000 TL allocated from the national budget by Ministry of National Defence (MoND) was used for capacity development of military demining units in 2022. MoND approved allocating approximately **80.000.000 TL** national budget for humanitarian mine action between 2023 and 2025. 5 million TL of this budget will be used for capacity development of military demining units and 75 million TL will be used for demining activities. (In line with the Convention`s additional request for information on “Resource mobilization efforts, external financing received and resources made available by the government of Türkiye to support implementation efforts”.) **(in line with the OAP Action 42)**

13. The project, which was planned to be carried out with the budget allocated by MoND in order to conduct mine clearance in Mardin province with a contracting modality, could not be realized due to the activities of the terrorist organizations and the instability on the border area. It is considered that sniper and mortar shots that could be carried out by terrorist organizations from across the Syrian border may pose a risk to personnel who will carry out mine clearance in the area in question.

14. In addition to the humanitarian aspect, mine action is regarded as an indispensable part of the modern integrated border management (IBM) of Türkiye. Türkiye aims to clear landmines on its eastern and southern borders to provide a more secure and technologically advanced humanitarian border management system. As a result, mine action has been included in the strategic planning of other governmental, nongovernmental institutions and partners in Türkiye in terms of IBM. **(in line with the OAP Action 1)**

Legal Arrangements Regarding the Turkish National Mine Action Center

15. According to the latest published International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), NMAS 07.30 Accreditation of Mine Action Organizations and NMAS 12.10 Explosive Ordnance Risk Organization (EORE) were published in 2022. Additionally, National Mine Action Standards, which were updated in 2022 are listed below: **(in line with the OAP Action 5)**

- a. NMAS 09.40: Animal Detection Systems, Principles, Requirements and Guidelines,
- b. NMAS 09.41: Accreditation and Operational Test of Animal Detection Systems and Users,
- c. NMAS 10.10: Occupational Health and Safety – General Requirements,
- d. NMAS 10.20: Occupational Health and Safety – Demining Worksite Safety,
- e. NMAS 10.30: Occupational Health and Safety – Personal Protective Equipment,
- f. NMAS 10.40: Occupational Health and Safety – Medical Support to Demining Operations.

National Capacity

16. As a part of TURMAC's capacity development, in collaboration with UNDP and GICHD a total of 20 personnel from TURMAC and military demining units have attended **Technical Survey Training** and 23 personnel from TURMAC and military demining units have attended **Quality Management Training**. Additionally, 5 TURMAC personnel attended to **Geographic Information System Training** and 3 TURMAC personnel attended to **Mine Detection Dogs Accreditation Training** in 2022. In addition to these trainings, which are substantial for humanitarian mine action activities conducting in Türkiye, the following trainings are planned to be delivered in 2023:

- a. Introduction to Humanitarian Mine Action Activities,
- b. Non-Technical Survey Training,
- c. Technical Survey Training,
- d. Information Management System of Mine Action (IMSMA) Administrator and User Training,

- e. Quality Management and Accreditation in Mine Action Training,
- f. Differential Global Positioning System (D-GPS) Training,
- g. Mechanical Demining Machine Certification Training,
- h. Mine Detection Dogs Accreditation Training,
- i. Gender Mainstreaming Awareness Raising Training,
- j. Geographic Information System Training,
- k. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) Training,
- l. Buried Explosives Detection System Training,
- m. Humanitarian Demining Training.

17. As stated in the last year report, the number of Gendarmerie demining teams were increased by 10 in 2022. Currently a total of 42 military demining teams (**24 Land Forces, 18 Gendarmerie**) are operational. In addition, personnel assignments continue for the additional 8 demining teams of Land Forces. **(in line with the OAP Action 27)**

18. Military demining units were augmented with 6 mechanical demining machines [MEMATT-II which were manufactured for the first time with domestic and national means and accredited and certificated by TURMAC according to international standards (CWA 15044 – Test and Evaluation of Demining Machines)] and 4 additional Mine Detection Dogs in 2022. A total of 8 mechanical demining machines and 10 mine detection dogs are operational now. **(in line with the OAP Action 27)**

19. A total of 20 mechanical demining machines (MEMATT-I and MEMATT-II) which were manufactured for the first time with domestic and national means and accredited and certificated by TURMAC according to international standards (CWA 15044 – Test and Evaluation of Demining Machines), were sent to Azerbaijan to support mine clearance activities. **(in line with the OAP Action 27)**

Contributions of the Turkish Military

20. Military C-IED/Mine teams contributed to the safety of civilians by finding/neutralizing a total of **121** mines, **1.837** IEDs and **26.770** munitions laid by terrorist organizations in Syria, Iraq and Libya. **(in line with the OAP Action 21)**

Form E: Mine risk education and reduction

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

- i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the 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".

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1. In coordination with local authorities and units responsible for the area, the physical warnings around the contaminated areas are renewed annually and safety instructions are reminded to local population.

2. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)

a. According to the "National Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Plan" (NEOREP), which was prepared as a part of its Strategic Mine Action Plan (2020-2025) and targeted most affected areas; **(in line with the OAP Action 28, 29, 30 and 31)**

i. TURMAC provided trainers' training to 100 Gendarmerie personnel who were assigned to provide EORE in Bingöl, Tunceli, Hakkari and Van in 2022. After the training in question, Gendarmerie EORE teams were subjected to a proficiency exam, certificates were given to successful ones and training materials (training presentation, three-legged easel, Usb, carrying bag) and EORE message delivering items (notepad, pen, keychain, pencil box, mask, t-shirt and cloth bag) to be used within the scope of NEOREP were provided to the trainers. In 2022, Gendarmerie EORE teams provided EORE to 1699 (1086 men, 108 women and 505 children) residents who live close to minefields in Bingöl,

Diyarbakır, Mardin and Siirt. It is also planned to provide trainers' training in nine more provinces (Kars, Bitlis, Ağrı, Ardahan, Gaziantep, Hatay, Iğdır, Kilis and Şanlıurfa) in 2023.

ii. Within the scope of EBMCP Phase-III, in 2022, NTS teams carried out EORE sessions in Kilis. A total of 30 residents (1 woman, 1 man and 28 children) participated in this trainings. (These trainings are age-appropriate and gender-sensitive, coherent with applicable national and international standards, tailored to the needs of mine-affected citizens as appropriate.)

iii. A protocol was signed with Humanitarian Mine Actions Association which is a Turkish NGO working in the field of humanitarian mine action, to conduct EORE in order to increase awareness of our citizens about mine/UXO risks and prevent possible mine/UXO accidents in three mine affected provinces in 2022 and 2023. According to the protocol EORE teams conducted EORE to 1853 citizens (107 women, 1002 children and 754 men) in Muş, Bitlis and Tunceli.

b. EORE activities listed above were conducted according to the NMAS-12.10 Explosive Ordnance Risk Education.

Form H: Victim Assistance

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: (in line with the OAP Action 35)

a. In Türkiye, 32 mine/IED mine victims were identified in 2022. 9 of them were military personnel and 23 were civilians. According to the data obtained, 2 of 31 victims lost their lives. Except for 1 humanitarian demining accident and 3 mine accidents, 28 of these accidents consist of improvised anti-personnel mines (victim activated IEDs) laid by the terrorist organization.

b. TURMAC is provided data on mine victims (identity, age, sex and occupation etc.) by 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.

c. TURMAC effectively carries out coordination with the Ministry of Interior through the Gendarmerie General Command to obtain information on mine and munition accidents in areas under their responsibility. In this context, information received from Gendarmerie General Command is stated in the reports of TURMAC.

Casualty Data	Mine Victims		Humanitarian Demining Accident		
	Wounded	Dead	Wounded	Dead	TOTAL
Men	22	2	1	0	32
Women	0	0	0	0	
Boys	5	0	0	0	
Girls	2	0	0	0	

2. Social Inclusion: **(in line with the OAP Action 3, 37, 38 and 39)**

a. With the principle of “Positive Discrimination” added to Article 10 of the Constitution in 2010, reform-like innovations were made in disability policies. In this context; accessibility practices, from education to employment, are among the issues that directly affect the participation of disabled people in social life. Therefore, within the scope of accessibility, open areas such as pavements, pedestrian crossings, parks, public transportation vehicles and information and communication systems of public buildings are to be accessible.

b. In cooperation with the General Directorate of Social Assistance of the Ministry of Family and Social Services, the General Directorate of Services for the Disabled and Elderly, and the Ministry of National Education, studies are carried out to facilitate the lives of victim students with disabilities. In this context, students with disabilities who need education are provided with free transportation to their schools.

c. In the East of Türkiye, girls, boys, women and men live with the threat of landmines and improvised explosive devices in the areas close to minefields. While these weapons may be indiscriminate the specific threats and their impacts vary according to gender, age and other aspects of diversity. Adopting gender-sensitive recruitment procedures helps to prevent discrimination and provide equal employment opportunities to women and men from diverse groups. Employment contracts ensure women and men are paid equally for equal work.

3. Medical Care: **(in line with the OAP Action 3, 37, 38 and 39)**

a. Victims who have disabled relatives with the need of full care are supported with home care assistance, which was initiated with the idea of supporting disabled people with their families first. Further, home health care program, home care support program, home care pension, home-type social service institutions and community mental health centers and supportive day services are being expanded throughout the country. Further, TURMAC ensures that women, girls, boys, and men can benefit equally from victim assistance services through emergency and continuing healthcare, physical rehabilitation, psychological and psycho-social support, economic inclusion with the relevant authorities such as The Ministry of Family and Social Services and the Ministry of Health.

b. Persons with disabilities have priorities when receiving health services within the scope of physical therapy and rehabilitation. In the records of the Ministry of Health, our victims with “priority” registration can take advantage of the quota reserved for them and easily arrange an appointment. Auxiliary tools and equipment, as specified within the framework of the provisions of the Law No. 5510 and the Regulation on General Health Insurance Transactions, payments for medical supplies, consumables, orthoses and prostheses are made by Social Security Institution.

c. Thanks to the “Veterans Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Training and Research Hospital (TAF Rehabilitation Center)”, mine victims are provided to have facilities and to have support for the operation and maintenance promotional activities with modern communication tools organized for them. Further, facilities and units within this complex are Orthopedic Rehabilitation Hospital, constant nursing home, patient house and occupational therapy and professional rehabilitation units with social life facilities in order to integrate our victims into society.

4. Economic Inclusion: **(in line with the OAP Action 3, 37, 38 and 39)**

a. Within the scope of the implementation of the obligations to assist victims, economic employment is provided to our disabled citizens in order to include mine victims in social and economic life with the cooperation of the Ministry of Family and Social Services. With the appointments made, it is ensured that the disabled both participate in life and turn into individuals who produce useful works for society.

b. Grant support of up to 65.000 TL was given to our disabled victims to establish their own job opportunities in 2022. Infrastructure has been established to ensure that disabled people can receive education comfortably at all levels of business life, and all necessary supports and incentives are provided to them.

c. Family members are trained to help assist therapy for victims, especially in remote areas, including male family members, so that the burden of care does not fall exclusively on women and girls.

Form I: Cooperation and Assistance

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1. 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.
2. The Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project is implemented by UNDP and funded by EU and Turkish Government. TURMAC capacity development and continuity efforts are implemented in partnership with the UNDP and GICHD as well as other national partners during Phase-I and Phase-II of the project.
3. 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. Since the beginning of the 2022, 4 military demining teams have been conducting mine clearance and an area of approximately **100.000 m²** has been cleared in Azerbaijan. **(in line with the OAP Action 7 and 47)**
4. Humanitarian Mine Clearance Training, Mine/IED Awareness Training, Mine Detector Training, Mechanical Demining Machines Training, Basic Demolition Techniques Training and Minefield Breaching Training were provided to Azerbaijan Armed Forces personnel. Additionally, a Goodwill Protocol was signed with Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ANAMA) in 18 November 2022. **(in line with the OAP Action 7 and 47)**
5. Gender and Diversity: **(in line with the OAP Action 3)**
 - a. Gender and diversity are taken into consideration in all mine action activities in Türkiye. By the end of 2022, %29 of the TURMAC's personnel are female, one of them is a department head and two are branch chiefs. There is yet no female personnel in the military demining units. However, 10 medical personnel, 4 office workers and two NTS personnel (one employed as a gender focal point) of demining contractor in EBMCP Phase-III are female.
 - b. Gender Mainstreaming Awareness Raising Training, planned to be held last year but postponed due to the personnel assignments to TURMAC at the end of 2022, is planned to be given in 2023.