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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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Form A National implementation measures

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2016 to 31 DEC 2016

Actions Taken To Fulfil Commitments Undertaken In Extension Requests

1. Having become a signatory to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) 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 1st March 2014 has now been extended until 1st March 2022.
4. Since the establishment of the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) in 2015, mine clearance operations and mine action activities have intensified in Turkey.

Legal Arrangements Regarding the National Mine Action Center

5. As per the Law No:671 of 15th August 2016 and subsequent enactment of the Law No:6757 of 9 November 2016, 'National Mine Action Centre (TURMAC) now reports to the Directorate of General Plans and Principles of the Ministry of National Defence.

National Capacity Development

6. TURMAC has given the highest priority to its institutional capacity development since its establishment.
7. A "Capacity Needs Assessment" was conducted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in October 2016. The assessment highlighted a number of capacity gaps for TURMAC. The assessment report is the basis upon which TURMAC is developing its capacity for 2017 and beyond.
8. Since its establishment, TURMAC has initiated not only inter-institutional cooperation with other programmes, states and military bodies, but also international partnership with the UNDP and GICHD.

9. The first-ever National Strategic Mine Action Plan for 2017-2019 has been drafted which is expected to be approved and published in the Official Gazette in 2017. The three-year plan covers national capacity development, the clearance of mined areas and areas containing unexploded ordnance within the borders of the Republic of Turkey, provision of mine risk education, assistance to mine victims, and the Syrian Border Physical Security System.
10. National Mine Action Standards including land release policy have been drafted and they are expected to be endorsed in 2017.
11. The efforts to improve information management systems are also underway. The IMSMA system will be established and training will be provided to TURMAC personnel in 2017.
12. A comprehensive desk assessment of minefield records of the Eastern and Syrian Borders was conducted in 2016. Additional non-technical survey operations are planned for 2017.
13. All personnel will receive ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management System training in 2017.
14. The accreditation process of military demining troops which shall be deployed in survey and demining activities is ongoing and will be finalized in 2017.

Mine Clearance Operations along Eastern Borders of Turkey

15. Demining of mined areas along Turkey's eastern borders has started in 2016. This 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.

Border Surveillance System and Demining on Syrian Border

16. Border Security Surveillance System which consists of 730 km modular concrete wall and impoundment (supported by fence), roads and surveillance system started on Syrian Border in 2016. To provide safe construction of the system, military demining teams were deployed. During clearance and verification operations, 837 mines were destroyed in 2016.

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."

State [Party]: _____ reporting for time period from _____ to _____

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)* *

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

* 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"

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2016 to 31 DEC 2016

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	3.691	-	76 used
Armed Forces	M14	3.350	-	152 used
Armed Forces	M16	1.759	-	5 used
Armed Forces	M2	5.662	-	105 used
TOTAL	-	14.462		

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 (square metres)	Date of emplacement	Number of mines		Number of areas suspected to contain A/P mines	Area suspected to contain A/P mines (square metres)	Total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations	Supplementary information
				A/P	A/T				
Syria Border	1.308	144.290.431	1955-1998	413.152	194.678	84	Unknown	144.290.431	837 mines were cleared during the construction of Border Physical Security System by Military Demining Teams.
Iraq Border	596	2.862.835	1955-1998	79.017	-	373	Unknown	2.862.835	
Iran Border	467	21.207.047	1955-1998	198.190	-	38	Unknown	21.207.047	9008 mines were cleared on EBMC Project in Iğdır Province.
Armenia Border	42	1.097.077	1955-1998	20.275	-	-	-	1.097.077	
Other than Borders	667	3.107.849	1955-1998	34.410	-	206	Unknown	3.107.849	
TOTAL	3080	172.565.239		745.044	194.678	701	-	172.565.239	

2. Accomplishments in 2016

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 (square metres)	Amount of area cleared during the reporting period (square metres)	Amount of area reduced during the reporting period (square metres)	Amount of area cancelled during the reporting period (square metres)	Total area addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations during the reporting period (square metres)	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 (square metres)
Syria Border	1.392	144.290.431		-	-	-	1.392	144.290.431
Iraq Border*	969	2.862.835	-	-	-	-	969	2.862.835
Iran Border*	505	21.329.811	122.764	-	-	-	505	21.207.047
Armenia Border	42	1.097.077	-	-	-	-	42	1.097.077
Other than Borders	873	3.107.849	-	-	-	-	873	3.107.849
TOTAL	3.781	172.688.003	122.764	-	-	-	3.781	172.545.239

* While demining operations continued in Eastern Borders, no mined area has been formally released to date. Info on area reduced and cancelled will be reported in the following years.

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."

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2016 to 31 DEC 2016

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*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
Demolition and burning. Small mines such as DM11 and M14s were burned and larger ones were demolished.	Methods
Demolitions on Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project were conducted in accordance with Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards and IMAS.	Applicable safety standards
Turkish Environmental standards and IMAS	Applicable environmental standards

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"

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2016 to 31 DEC 2016

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

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

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	5.922	997	-	837 A/P mines were destroyed during operations on Syrian Border in 2016.
Iraq Border	566	-	-	
Iran Border	14.375	-	-	9008 mines were destroyed through the EBMC Project in Iğdır Province in 2016.
Armenia Border	231	-	-	
Other than Borders	14.033	-	-	
TOPLAM	35.127	997	-	

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 G Warning Measures

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".

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2016 to 31 DEC 2016

1. No Change from previous report. MRE activities have been continued in 2016 as discussed in last year's report.

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.

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2016 to 31 DEC 2016

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 the changes and developments quarterly (in January, April, July and October). Additionally, the Ministry of Health set up a new module for civilian mine victims in the “Health Management System” in Turkey, 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 APMs

Civilian		Military		Total
Wounded	Death	Wounded	Death/Martyr	
8 (4 Child, 4 Adult)	0	35	14	57

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 legislations, mine victims who are unable to perform daily activities without assistance receive support in acquiring medicine and medical equipment and pay no additional fee.

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. The Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project is implemented by UNDP and funded by EU, Turkey and UN.
- b. TURMAC capacity development efforts are implemented in partnership with the UNDP and GICHD as well as other national partners.
- c. In addition, TURMAC personnel have participated in training courses conducted by the James Madison University and the GICHD.
- d. TURMAC participated in meetings of the conventions related to APLMs and ERW in 2016.
- e. TURMAC also visited the mine action programme of Bosnia-Herzegovina and will continue to visit other mine action programmes for cooperation on mine action related matters in the future.