

Right of Reply by Turkey

INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION MATTERS RELATED TO THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 5 IMPLEMENTATION 7 JUNE 2018

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

It was none of my intention to take the floor. Nevertheless, intervention of one of the former speakers compelled me to do so.

In fact, I could give a long response basing on the relevant documents, but in order not to politicize and not to poison the atmosphere of this invaluable forum and instead to contribute to the better implementation and improvement of the Convention, I will avoid that and I shall be very brief while referring to the statement of that particular speaker.

Mr. Chairman,

We strongly deny the baseless allegations voiced by that representative. Responses in detail to the claims of him could be found on the letter that is enclosed to the Note Verbal of Turkish Permanent Mission to the UNOG dated 4 December 2015.

Thank you.