



Statement by Turkey

18th MEETING OF STATE PARTIES TO THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION MATTERS RELATED TO THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Turkey aligned itself with the EU statement and in our national capacity we would like to deliver following statement.

We thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the efforts and for the informative report presented. Turkey is pleased to be a member of the Committee and to contribute its works.

Since its establishment, Turkish Mine Action Center-TURMAC initiated not only inter-agency cooperation with other programmes, states and military bodies, but also created international partnerships with the UNDP and GICHD.

The Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project is being implemented by the UNDP and funded by the EU, Turkey and the UN. Taking this opportunity, we would once again like to thank our partners for their support, cooperation and contribution.

A cooperation agreement was made with Cambodia including cooperation in mine action in 2019.

Additionally, a good will and cooperation agreement in demining has planned to be signed with Azerbaijan in 2021.

Turkey has contributed to the ISU budget and for the Sponsorship Program in 2020 in order to support Convention's implementation efforts.

I thank you, Mr. President.