

Dear colleagues, partners participants of the 22nd Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention!

Tajikistan is committed to fulfilling its obligation under the article 5 of the Ottawa Convention. Tajikistan is implementing all pillars of the Convention. Humanitarian demining is being conducted in the Tajik-Afghan Border and in the Central Region. Tajikistan remains committed to promoting the agenda of the Gender as well. We have female humanitarian demining teams in Tajikistan. Female staff is present in the field, administrative and management staff. Tajikistan's National Mine Action Standard is complying with International Mine Action Standards. Tajikistan observes measures on complying with the standards of the Protection of the Environment while conducting humanitarian demining activities. Mine and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education sessions are conducted constantly in the regions contaminated by the landmines and UXOs. Victim assistance in Tajikistan is conducted in line with the national social protection law of Tajikistan. Tajikistan constantly cooperates with the Humanitarian Demining Agencies as FSD, NPA, UST, HDC MOD RT, National Guard, Border Troops, Committee of Emergency and other related agencies. Tajikistan closely cooperates with the international donor community in terms of conducting humanitarian demining operations and all other Mine Action related activities. Tajikistan enhances the capacity in terms of conducting Humanitarian demining and Mine action trainings and courses. There is a Training Center of the Tajikistan National Mine Action Center, where is constantly being conducted Basic Demining Courses, Battle Area Clearance trainings, NTS and TS trainings and other related trainings. By the MOD RT we have regional training Center where is constantly conducted EOD1,2,3, and 3+ trainings. Tajikistan is committed in fulfilling in implementing international humanitarian Law. In the Government of Tajikistan has been established Commission on implementing international humanitarian law. The head of the Commission is the Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. The deputy of the Commission is the Minister of Justice of Tajikistan. All ministries of the Government including MOD, COEs, National Guard, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population, Ministry of Education and all other governmental ministries, structures and entities. Tajikistan National Mine Action Center is coordinating Governmental institution of the implementation of the international humanitarian law in Tajikistan. For the last twenty years of conducting humanitarian demining Tajikistan

has identified and destroyed more than 86 000 landmines and released more than 37 mln square meters of the landmine contaminated land for the safe use to local population.

Tajikistan welcomes the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Kingdom of Tonga. Tajikistan encourages other non state parties to join the Convention. Tajikistan expresses its gratitude to the donor community, to the Committee of the Convention and to the state parties for supporting the implementation of the obligation of the Convention.

Thank you for your attention.