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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

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

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<p>Measures Turkey stopped using APMs and commenced clearing APMs in 1998. Turkish Armed Forces Munitions Disposal Facility was opened on 08 November 2007.</p>	<p>Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).</p>
<p>Legal arrangements regarding the national Mine Action Centre</p> <p>1. Law No: 6586 on “Establishment of a National Mine Action Centre and Amendment of Some Other Laws” with the aim of defining modalities and basis regarding functions, jurisdictions and responsibilities of the National Mine Action Centre, which will carry out mine and/or unexploded ammunition clearance activities with humanitarian purposes within the territory of the Republic of Turkey, was adopted on 22 January 2015 by the Turkish Grand National Assembly and entered into force on 3 February 2015 following its publication in the Official Gazette.</p> <p>2. The abovementioned law entitles the National Mine Action Centre, established under the Ministry of National Defence, to define policies towards mine and/or unexploded ammunition clearance activities with humanitarian purposes within the territory of the Republic of Turkey, to plan and steer these activities, to monitor the execution of such activities in accordance with the established rules, to carry out the necessary coordination and cooperation with domestic and foreign institutions.</p> <p>3. The establishment process of the National Mine Action Centre has already started and following the official inauguration of the Centre, the Mine Action Strategy for the term 2016-2022 will be prepared within the year 2015 and submitted to the Council of Ministers.</p>	

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
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
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 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 its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: Republic of Turkey reporting for time period from 01 JAN 2014 to 31 DEC 2014

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
Syria Border	Various	415.435	1955-1998	
Iraq Border	Various	79.017	1955-1998	
Iran Border	Various	207.282	1955-1998	
Armenia Border	Various	20.276	1955-1998	
Other than Borders	Various	34.410	1955-1998	
TOTAL		756.420		

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
Syria Border	Unknown	-	1955-1998	84 areas
Iraq Border	Unknown	-	1955-1998	373 areas
Iran Border	Unknown	-	1955-1998	38 areas
Armenia Border	Unknown	-	1955-1998	-
Other than Borders	Unknown	-	1955-1998	206 areas

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Form C (continued)

3. Areas that contain or suspected to contain mines and number of mines as of 01 Jan 2015

Location	Number of areas known to contain anti-personnel mines	Area known to contain anti-personnel mines (square metres)	Number of mines		Number of areas suspected to contain anti-personnel mines	Area suspected to contain anti-personnel mines (square metres)	Total area remaining to be addressed in the context of Article 5 obligations
			A/P	A/T			
Syria Border*	1.308	144.290.431	415.435	194.678	84	Unknown	144.290.431
Iraq Border**	596	2.862.835	79.017	-	373	Unknown	2.862.835
Iran Border**	467	21.329.811	207.282	-	38	Unknown	21.329.811
Armenia Border	42	1.097.077	20.276	-	-	-	1.097.077
Other than Borders	667	3.107.849	34.410	-	206	Unknown	3.107.849
TOTAL	3080	172.688.003	756.420	194.678	701	-	172.688.003

(*) Number of the mines along the Syria border is expected to be less than the number indicated in the table because of the destruction by smugglers and wildfires.

(**) Number of mined areas along the Iraqi border as well as a part of the Iranian border is only an estimate, as precise calculation is hampered by terror activities and the presence of suspected mined areas.

Form D 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 2014 to 31 DEC 2014

1a. **Compulsory:** 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	3.774	-	-
Armed Forces	M14	3.569	-	-
Armed Forces	M16	1.778	-	-
Armed Forces	M2	5.781	-	-
TOTAL	-	14.902*		

* 42 anti-personnel mines were used for training.

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 D (continued)

2. **Compulsory:** 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
	-	None	-	
TOTAL	-----	None		

3. **Compulsory:** 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
		None		
TOTAL	-----	None		

Form E 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

Form F 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 2014 to 31 DEC 2014

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
Turkish Armed Forces Munitions Disposal Facility Yahşihan/Kırıkkale/Turkey was opened on 08 November 2007.	Methods
The facility is certified by NAMSA according to AASP and DOD 41 45 26 M as well as EU environmental norms and standards.	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
APMs in mined areas are destroyed in the area where they were laid down.	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

Form F (continued)

3. Accomplishments in 2014

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	11.000	-	-	11.000	505	21.329.811
Armenia Border	42	1.097.077	-	-	-	-	42	1.097.077
Other than Borders	873	3.107.849	146.251	-	-	146.251	873	3.107.849
TOTAL	3.781	172.688.003	157.251**	-	-	157.251**	3.781	172.688.003

(*) Number of mined areas along the Iraqi border as well as a part of the Iranian border is only an estimate, as precise calculation is hampered by terror activities and the presence of suspected mined areas.

(**) Mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces has not been accredited by National Mine Action Centre which was established on 03 February 2015. Therefore, areas cleared by these units (157.251 m²) were not deducted from total remaining area (172.688.003 m²) since these areas cannot be certified.

2.1 Application of Land Release Standards:

Land Release standards will be applied after they are defined by National Mine Action Centre.

2.2 Information on the implementation of plans in extension request and decision on request:

Plans in extension request were revised through Work Plan. This plan will be finalized after National Mine Action Centre develops National Mine Action Plan.

Furthermore, there is an ongoing detailed exploration and detection activity for the mined areas and number of mines in border regions. Therefore further revisions are possible.

Form G 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 2014** to **31 DEC 2014**

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

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

2.1. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
Various	24.748	
TOTAL	24.748	

Form G (continued)

2.1. Destruction of APMs, ATMs and UXOS

Location	Items Destroyed		
	APMs destroyed	ATMs destroyed	UXO destroyed
Syria Border	3.639	997	-
Iraq Border*	566	-	-
Iran Border*	5.283	-	-
Armenia Border	230	-	-
Other than Borders	14.033	-	-
TOPLAM	23.751	997	-

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
NONE	-	-	-
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 J 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 2014 to 31 DEC 2014

1. Trainings:

717 personnel from Turkish Armed Forces and 36 personnel from various countries trained on the “Counter Measures for Mine and EOD” in the reporting period.

2. Casualties by explosion of APMs (including casualties caused by APMs and EODs laid by Terrorist Organization):

Death	Wounded	Total
1	25	26

3. Rehabilitation and medical care provided to the casualties by explosion of APMs (# of personnel):

Completed	Ongoing	Total
14	28	42

3. Assistance provided to the casualties by explosion of APMs (# of personnel):

Indemnity	Salary	Job	Total
34	13	11	58

Annex-I to the Annual Report : List of remaining mined areas

Location	Province	Number of areas to be cleared		Number of mines				Size of the areas at the end of the reporting period (m ²)	
				A/P		A/T			
		Known	Suspected	Known	Suspected	Known	Suspected	Known	Suspected
Syria Border*	Hatay	170	18	21.043	Unknown	21.112	Unknown	13.466.902	Unknown
	Gaziantep	397	-	75.498	-	22.009	-	15.549.945	-
	Kilis	366	-	102.546	-	33.417	-	30.846.427	-
	Şanlıurfa	123	50	114.245	Unknown	74.204	Unknown	17.250.597	Unknown
	Mardin	230	-	94.062	-	42.227	-	58.072.000	-
	Şırnak	22	16	8.041	Unknown	1.709	Unknown	9.104.560	Unknown
Iraq Border**	Hakkâri	304	310	18.607	Unknown	-	Unknown	425.313	Unknown
	Şırnak	292	63	60.410	Unknown	-	Unknown	2.437.522	Unknown
Iran Border**	Iğdır	15	-	44.365	-	-	-	3.540.540	-
	Ağrı	116	-	105.556	-	-	-	5.556.400	-
	Van	109	30	41.704	Unknown	-	Unknown	12.180.500	Unknown
	Hakkâri	227	8	15.657	Unknown	-	Unknown	52.371	Unknown
Armenia Border	Ardahan	15	-	9.685	-	-	-	425.707	-
	Kars	22	-	10.575	-	-	-	641.200	-
	Iğdır	5	-	16	-	-	-	30.170	-
Other than Borders	Siirt	28	8	1.246	Unknown	-	-	722.000	Unknown
	Ardahan	4	-	418	-	-	-	169.800	-
	Hakkâri	84	97	3.353	Unknown	-	-	187.168	Unknown
	Şırnak	210	82	18.595	Unknown	-	-	930.022	Unknown
	Van	5	6	110	Unknown	-	-	24.500	Unknown
	Diyarbakır	21	-	851	-	-	-	133.824	-
	Batman	15	-	99	-	-	-	516.350	-
	Mardin	19	1	352	Unknown	-	-	38.483	Unknown
	Tunceli	153	5	8.651	Unknown	-	-	351.277	Unknown
	Bingöl	58	2	275	Unknown	-	-	19.175	Unknown
Bitlis	70	5	460	Unknown	-	-	15.250	Unknown	
TOTAL		3.080	701	756.420	Unknown	194.678	Unknown	172.688.003	Unknown

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WORK PLAN FOR MINE CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES

1. Nature and Extent of Past Activities:

a. Mine Clearance Activities between December 2013 and January 2015

Mined Area	Province	Number of Cleared Areas	Number of Cleared Mines		Size of Cleared Areas (m ²)
			A/P	A/T	
Areas other than borders	Siirt	-	2	-	27.050
	Hakkari	-	31	-	29.061
	Şırnak	-	146	-	25.880
	Batman	-	4	-	61.300
	Diyarbakır	-	-	-	1.610
	Tunceli	-	-	-	1.350
Iranian Border	Iğdır	-	78	-	-
	Ağrı	-	83	-	-
	Hakkari	-	109	-	11.000
Syrian Border	Gaziantep	-	752	9	-
	Kilis	-	276	-	-
	Şanlıurfa	-	8	-	-
	Mardin	-	13	8	-
	Şırnak	-	4	2	-
TOTAL			1.506	19	157.251*

(*) Mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces has not been accredited by National Mine Action Centre which was established on 03 February 2015. Therefore, areas cleared by these units (157.251 m²) were not deducted from total remaining area (172.688.003 m²) since these areas cannot be certified.

b. Areas Suspected to Contain Mines:

Region	Province	Number of Mined Areas	Number of Mines	Size of Mined Areas (m ²)	Date of Emplacement
Areas other than borders	Hakkari	97	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Şırnak	82	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Van	6	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Siirt	8	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Mardin	1	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Tunceli	5	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Bingöl	2	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Bitlis	5	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Iranian Border*	Van	30	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Hakkari	8	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Iraqi Border*	Hakkari	310	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Şırnak	63	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Syrian Border	Hatay	18	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Şanlıurfa	50	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Şırnak	16	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
TOTAL		701			

(*) Number of mined areas along the Iraqi border as well as a part of the Iranian border is only an estimate, as precise calculation is hampered by terror activities and the presence of suspected mined areas.

c. Nature and Extent of Remaining Mined Areas (including areas suspected to contain mines):

Areas to be cleared	Province	Number of Ares to be Cleared	Number of Mines to be Cleared		Size of Areas to be Cleared (m ²)
			A/P	A/T	
Areas other than borders	Siirt	36	1.246	-	722.000
	Ardahan	4	418	-	169.800
	Hakkari	181	3.353	-	187.168
	Şırnak	292	18.595	-	930.022
	Van	11	110	-	24.500
	Diyarbakır	21	851	-	133.824
	Batman	15	99	-	516.350
	Mardin	20	352	-	38.483
	Tunceli	158	8.651	-	351.277
	Bingöl	60	275	-	19.175
	Bitlis	75	460	-	15.250
Armenian Border	Ardahan	15	9.685	-	425.707
	Kars	22	10.575	-	641.200
	Iğdır	5	16	-	30.170
Iranian Border*	Iğdır	15	44.365	-	3.540.540
	Ağrı	116	105.556	-	5.556.400
	Van	139	41.704	-	12.180.500
	Hakkari	235	15.657	-	52.371
Iraqi Border*	Hakkari	614	18.607	-	425.313
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	Mardin	230	94.062	42.227	58.072.000
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2. Remarks on Reasons of Modifications to the Information Pertaining to Mined Areas/Areas Suspected to Contain Mines:

a. Following detailed analysis and comparison of mine clearance reports and reports prepared following incidents caused by animals, wildfires or landslides, it has been concluded that some of these explosions were not properly registered.

b. Re-registration of mine fields, which were initially cleared and deregistered from the records, but not duly certified.

c. Correction of minefield registers where some of the minefields have been found to be registered more than once.

d. Improper completion of registration forms, inability to locate some of the reference points indicated in the registries, incorrect entries of minefield coordinates.

e. Following transfer of responsibility of border areas from the Gendarmerie General Command to the Turkish Land Forces, minefield records for the eastern border, the southeastern border (Iraqi border) and other areas in proximity to these borders were rearranged (re-registration of some minefields along the borders as “minefields in areas other than borders” or vice versa).

3. Methods to Identify Areas which Contain Anti-personnel (A/P) Mines and Reasons to Suspect the Existence of A/P Mines in other Areas:

a. Methods to Identify Mined Areas:

- (1) Existing mine maps, minefield registration forms and/or other documents prepared in lieu of registration forms.
- (2) Statements of local populace.
- (3) Field surveys carried out by mine clearing personnel during mine clearance activities.

b. Existence of Areas Suspected to Contain Mines and Reasons for Suspicion:

- (1) Improper completion of registration forms.
- (2) Inability to locate reference points indicated in the reports.
- (3) Incorrect registration of coordinates.
- (4) Relocation of mines over time due to natural reasons.
- (5) Contamination of mined areas with metal waste (empty shells, ammunition etc.)
- (6) Inability to thoroughly check some areas for mines due to continuing terrorist activities.

4. National Mine Clearance Institutions:

a) Mine clearance activities in areas other than borders are being carried out by mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces within a schedule.

b) Mine clearance activities along the eastern borders are to be carried out as a part of EU Integrated Border Management Project in two phases under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior. Tender preparations for the first phase of the clearance activities are continuing.

c) Mine clearance activities along the Syrian border will commence following the settlement of the armed conflict in Syria and the creation of the Strategic Mine Action Plan after the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC) becomes operational. The law on the establishment of a NMAC was adopted by the Turkish Grand National Assembly on 22 January 2015 and entered into force following its publication in the Official Gazette on 3 February 2015 by Presidential Approval.

5. Methods and Standards of Clearance of Areas Containing A/P Mines or Suspected to Contain A/P Mines:

a) Mined areas in areas other than borders are cleared with hand tools (mine search stick etc.), canine detection and mechanical mine clearance systems (Bozena-5, mine plough, mine roller etc.)

b) Syrian Border Mine Clearance Standards (SBMCS) was developed to support the Syrian Border Mine Clearance Project (SBMCP)

6. Quality Control and Quality Assurance Methods and Standards:

a) At the end of the mine clearance activities, cleared areas are re-checked with mechanical mine clearance systems (Bozena-5, mine plough, mine roller). Additionally, 2-3 days later, final controls are executed with mine detectors and canine teams.

b) Quality control and quality assurance of mine clearance activities along the Syrian border will be executed in accordance with the Syrian Border Mine Clearance Standards – 03 Quality Management document.

7. Precautions for Protection of Civilians from Mined Areas:

a) Mined areas in areas other than borders are marked with barbed wire and warning signs in order to prevent entrance of civilians. New warning signs are currently being placed around mined areas to replace deteriorating/old warning signs. If needed, security forces, in coordination with local authorities, inform people by hanging informative posters to communal places like coffee houses, health centres, schools, terminals and places of worship. In villages, officials directly inform local population in appropriate venues. Religious officials also provide similar information in places of worship. It is also possible to make use of local TV and radio channels for this purpose.

b) Mined areas along the Turkish-Syrian border are marked and fenced. In order to keep third persons away from the mined areas, “Syrian Border Mine Clearance Standards – 17” document on work field security was prepared.

8. Detailed Mine Clearance Schedule for the Term 2015-2022:

a. Mined Areas in areas other than borders:

(1) Methodology:

a) Until the National Mine Action Centre becomes operational, mine clearance activities will be carried out solely by the mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces within a schedule, using hand detectors, canine teams and mechanical mine clearance systems. Following the establishment of the National Mine Action Centre, the Centre will take over all ongoing mine clearance activities, including tender processes.

b) Prioritization of mine clearance activities is outlined below:

- (1) Areas used for military operations,
- (2) Areas with low or no risk of terrorist threat,
- (3) Areas where the local population may benefit from agriculture and livestock.

(2) Current Status:

Until the National Mine Action Centre becomes operational, mine clearance activities will be carried out solely by the mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces within a schedule, using hand detectors, canine teams and mechanical mine clearance systems.

Following the establishment of the National Mine Action Centre, cleared areas will be certified and opened for humanitarian use.

(3) Mine Clearance Program:

(a) The following table shows the areas to be cleared by the mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces.

Year	Province	To be cleared.			
		Number of Mined Areas	Number of Mines		Size of Mined Area (m ²)
			A/P	A/T	
2015	Diyarbakır	6	267	-	30.600
	Mardin	1	37	-	Unknown
	Siirt	10	363	-	271.650
	Tunceli	5	515	-	Unknown
	Hakkari	6	617	-	56.401
	Şırnak	8	824	-	54.543
	Total	36	2.623		413.194
2016	Batman	3	40	-	63.600
	Diyarbakır	4	187	-	100.000
	Mardin	2	22	-	Unknown
	Tunceli	6	586	-	Unknown
	Hakkari	8	368	-	28.650
	Şırnak	16	2.214	-	15.466
	Total	39	3.417	-	207.716
2017	Batman	3	14	-	100.000
	Diyarbakır	6	311	-	1.634
	Tunceli	6	334	-	Unknown
	Sımak	26	1.707	-	39.010
	Total	41	2.366		140.644
2018	Batman	4	34	-	101.450
	Diyarbakır	5	86	-	1.590
	Mardin	1	Unknown	-	Unknown
	Tunceli	5	295	-	Unknown
	Şırnak	24	2.186	-	63.854
	Total	39	2.601		166.894
2019	Batman	4	11	-	190.000
	Bingöl	3	33	-	Unknown
	Mardin	6	161	-	38.000
	Tunceli	4	330		Unknown
	Hakkari	14	208	-	7.750
	Şırnak	13	1.950	-	6.424
	Total	44	2.693		242.174
2020	Bingöl	3	28	-	Unknown
	Mardin	6	96	-	483
	Siirt	5	22	-	500
	Tunceli	2	104	-	Unknown
	Hakkari	22	487	-	7.720
	Total	38	737		8.703
2021	Batman	1	Unknown	-	61.300
	Bingöl	1	38	-	950
	Siirt	6	423	-	226.200
	Mardin	4	36	-	Unknown
	Tunceli	5	239	-	Unknown
	Hakkari	11	396	-	13.178
	Şırnak	15	2.989	-	33.960
Total	43	4.121	-	335.588	
TOTAL		280	18.558		1.514.913

(b) The following table shows the areas which are not planned to be cleared by the mine clearance units of the Turkish Armed Forces but to be cleared in accordance with the Mine Action Plan which will be prepared following the establishment of the National Mine Action Centre. The budget for clearing these areas will be prepared by the National Mine Action Centre.

Year	Province	To be cleared.			
		Number of Mined Areas	Number of Mines		Size of Mined Area (m ²)
			A/P	A/T	
2015-2022	Bingöl	53	176	-	18.225
	Bitlis	75	460	-	15.250
	Siirt	15	438	-	223.650
	Tunceli	125	6.248	-	351.277
	Ardahan	4	418	-	169.800
	Van	11	110	-	24.500
	Hakkari	120	1.277	-	73.469
	Şırnak	190	6.725	-	716.765
TOTAL		593	15.852	-	1.592.936

(4) Budget:

Year	Estimated Resource (TL)	Remarks
2015	8.900.000	Includes the projected cost of salaries of mine clearance personnel as well as mine clearance equipment and mine field marking items.
2016	9.800.000	
2017	10.750.000	
2018	11.800.000	The budget of mine clearance activities to be carried out by the National Mine Action Centre will be prepared by the Centre following its establishment.
2019	13.000.000	
2020	14.300.000	
2021	15.750.000	
TOTAL	84.300.000	

(5) Risks and Assumptions about the Implementation of the Plan:

- (a) Delays during the establishment process of the National Mine Action Centre.
- (b) Terrorist threats to mine clearance activities and personnel.
- (c) Adverse weather conditions which may shorten mine clearance activities to 5-6 months in a year.

b. Eastern Borders:

(1) Methodology:

Mine clearance activities along the eastern borders are to be carried out as part of an EU Integrated Border Management Project in two phases under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior. Tender preparations for the first phase of clearance activities are ongoing.

(2) Current Situation:

Tender preparations for the first phase of the clearance activities are ongoing.

(3) Mine Clearance Program:

Year	Phase	To be cleared.			
		Number of Mined Areas	Number of Mines		Size of Mined Area (m ²)
			A/P	A/T	
2015-2017	Phase-1	223	189.863	-	11.669.907
2017-2019	Phase-2	Field surveys are continuing	Field surveys are continuing	Field surveys are continuing	Field surveys are continuing

(4) Budget:

Year	Estimated Resource (Euros)	Remarks
2015-2017	26.400.000	Resources allocated for the 1st Phase of the Integrated Border Management Project
2017-2019	13.426.664	Resources allocated for the 2st Phase of the Integrated Border Management Project
TOTAL	39.826.664	

(5) Risks and Assumptions about the Implementation of the Plan:

Contractors may not be able to finish their activities in planned time frame and problems may occur during the bidding process.

c) Southeastern Border (Iraqi Border):

(1) Methodology:

Following the establishment of the National Mine Action Centre and completion of the mine clearance activities along the eastern border in two phases under the coordination of the Ministry of Interior and within the scope of EU Integrated Border Management Project, remaining mined areas along the Iraqi border and eastern border are planned to be cleared in accordance with the Strategic Mine Action Plan to be prepared by the National Mine Action Centre.

(2) Current Situation:

Establishment of the National Mine Action Centre and bidding process of the first phase of the Integrated Border Management Project are ongoing.

(3) Mine Clearance Program:

Year	Province	To be cleared.			
		Number of Mined Areas	Number of Mines		Size of Mined Area (m ²)
			A/P	A/T	
2019-2021	Şırnak	355	60.410	-	2.437.522
	Hakkari	614	18.607	-	425.313
TOTAL		969	79.017	-	2.862.835

(4) Budget:

Year	Estimated Resource (TL)	Remarks
2019-2021	-	The resource required will be determined by the National Mine Action Centre following its establishment.

(5) Risks and Assumptions about the Implementation of the Plan:

Delays during the establishment process of the National Mine Action Centre.

d. Syrian Border:

(1) Methodology:

After the initiation of the bidding process of the Mine Clearance Project along the Syrian border on 2 February 2012, the bidding was cancelled on 20 June 2013 due to armed conflicts in Syria. Mine clearance activities along the Syrian border will commence following the settlement of armed conflicts in Syria and the preparation of a Strategic Mine Action Plan by the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC) after it becomes operational.

(2) Current Situation:

Political instability continues in Syria.

(3) Mine Clearance Program:

As mine clearance activities along the Syrian border will commence following the settlement of armed conflicts in Syria and the preparation of a Strategic Mine Action Plan by the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC). The clearance work will be coordinated by the National Mine Action Centre.

(4) Budget:

Budgetary planning will be made by the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC) in accordance with the Strategic Mine Action Plan.

(5) Risks and Assumptions about the Implementation of the Plan:

- (a) Continuation of political instability in Syria.
- (b) Delays in clearance work by the contractors and problems in the bidding process.

Annex-1 to the Work Plan

Legal Arrangements Regarding The National Mine Action Centre

1. Law No: 6586 on “Establishment of a National Mine Action Centre and Amendment of Some Other Laws” with the aim of defining modalities and basis regarding functions, jurisdictions and responsibilities of the National Mine Action Centre, which will carry out mine and/or unexploded ammunition clearance activities with humanitarian purposes within the territory of the Republic of Turkey, was adopted on 22 January 2015 by the Turkish Grand National Assembly and entered into force on 3 February 2015 following its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. The abovementioned law entitles the National Mine Action Centre, established under the Ministry of National Defence, to define policies towards mine and/or unexploded ammunition clearance activities with humanitarian purposes within the territory of the Republic of Turkey, to plan and steer these activities, to monitor the execution of such activities in accordance with the established rules, to carry out the necessary coordination and cooperation with domestic and foreign institutions.
3. The establishment process of the National Mine Action Centre has already started and following the official inauguration of the Centre, the Mine Action Strategy for the term 2016-2022 will be prepared within the year 2015 and submitted to the Council of Ministers.

Annex-II to the Work Plan

1. Numerical figures for the comparison of Extension Request & Work Plan:

		Number of Ares to be Cleared		Number of Mines to be Cleared		Size of Areas to be Cleared (m ²)	
		Known	Suspected	Known	Suspected	Known	Suspected
Borders*	Extension Request	2.531	279	736.977	Unknown	210.966.362	Unknown
	Work Plan	2.413	495	722.010	Unknown	169.580.154	Unknown
	Difference	118	216	14.967	Unknown	41.386.208	Unknown
Other than Borders	Extension Request	637	67	77.122	Unknown	2.615.648	Unknown
	Work Plan	667	206	34.410	Unknown	3.107.849	Unknown
	Difference	30	139	42.712	Unknown	492.201	Unknown

(*)Number of the mines along the Syria border is expected to be less than the number indicated in the table because of the destruction by smugglers and wildfires.

2. Remarks on reasons of differences between Extension Request and Work Plan:

a. Following detailed analysis and comparison of mine clearance reports and reports prepared following incidents caused by animals, wildfires or landslides, it has been concluded that some of these explosions were not properly registered.

b. Re-registration of mine fields, which were initially cleared and deregistered from the records, but not duly certified.

c. Correction of minefield registers where some of the minefields have been found to be registered more than once.

d. Improper completion of registration forms, inability to locate some of the reference points indicated in the registries, incorrect entries of minefield coordinates.

e. Relocation of mines over time due to natural reasons.

f. Inability to thoroughly check some areas for mines due to continuing terrorist activities.

g. Following transfer of responsibility of border areas from the Gendarmerie General Command to the Turkish Land Forces, minefield records for the eastern border, the southeastern border (Iraqi border) and other areas in proximity to these borders were rearranged (re-registration of some minefields along the borders as “minefields in areas other than borders” or vice versa).