



STATEMENT BY TÜRKİYE
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(Cooperation and Assistance)

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

-We would like to thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for their report.

-Türkiye aligns with the statement on cooperation and assistance delivered on behalf of the European Union and in our national capacity, we would like to share some information.

-Türkiye sent eight military demining teams and 4 EOD teams to Azerbaijan in December 2020 to support the mine clearance activities carried out by Azerbaijan. And an area of almost 400.000 m² has been cleared by the Turkish military teams in Azerbaijan in 2021.

-Additionally, six demining machines (MEMATT-I), manufactured for the first time with domestic and national means, were sent to Azerbaijan to support mine clearance activities. (in line with the OAP Action 7 and 47)

-Humanitarian Mine Action, Mine Clearance, Mine/IED Awareness and Mine Detector Trainings were provided to Azerbaijan Armed Forces personnel by the Turkish military teams. Additionally, efforts to sign a goodwill and cooperation agreement on mine action are continuing.

-During the security operations within the scope of border security carried out along the borders of Türkiye with Syria in order to ensure the security of civilians, 51 A/P mines, 237 IEDs and 383 explosive items placed by terrorists were identified and destroyed. (in line with the OAP Action 47)

-At the request of the Libyan Government, 3169 explosive items were identified and destroyed. Mine Detector Training was provided to 200 personnel and other trainings in the field of countering mine/explosives were provided to 87 personnel in Libya.

-Türkiye continues cooperating with ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC).

-In collaboration with UNDP Türkiye specialists, “Gender Mainstreaming Awareness Raising” training was delivered in 2021 to twenty-three TURMAC personnel (8 female, 15 male). And the said training is planned to be conducted again in 2022.

-All stakeholders should contribute to the Convention with good faith to promote collaboration and refrain from politicization and impeding the important work of this Convention.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.