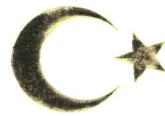


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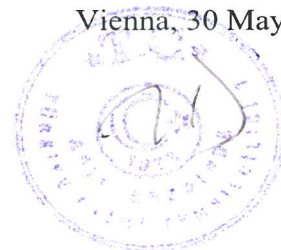


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The Permanent Mission of Türkiye to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) and, in accordance with the Forum for Security Cooperation Decision No: 7/04 dated 24 November 2004, has the honour to submit the reply of Türkiye to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Land Mines.

The Permanent Mission of Türkiye to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States and to the CPC the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 30 May 2024



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-Permanent Missions/Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE
-Conflict Prevention Centre

Vienna

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

Part I

1. Is your country a State Party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

Türkiye is a state party to the 1996 Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices annexed to the 1980 CCW.

2. If yes, please attach the most recent annual report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

Annual report in accordance with Article 13 of the Amended Protocol is attached to Annex-1.1

If no:

3. Is your country considering ratification/accession to the Amended Protocol II?

4. What measures have been taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of mines, booby-traps and other devices?

5. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance related to the implementation of this Protocol? If so, please describe.

6. Does your country have the capacity to assist others related to this Protocol? If so, please describe.

Part II

7. Has your country ratified or acceded to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction?

Türkiye is a state party to the Ottawa Convention since 01 March 2004.

(a) If yes, please attach the most recent report submitted by your country in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention or give the appropriate electronic address for the report.

https://www.apminebanconvention.org/fileadmin/_APMBC-DOCUMENTS/Art7Reports/2024-Turkiye-Art7Report-for2023.pdf

(b) If no, is your country considering ratification/accession to the Convention?

(c) Has your country adopted legislation to address the humanitarian objectives of the convention, or taken any specific measures regarding the use, production, storage, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel landmines? In case a moratorium has been introduced, what is its scope and duration and when was it introduced?

The use of APLMs on Turkish territory was banned by a directive dated 26 January 1998.

Demining process has started since then. With humanitarian considerations in mind, Türkiye had initially put into effect a renewable three year moratorium on 17 January 1996, banning the export and transfer of APLMs. This moratorium was extended on 15 October 1998 for another three years and on 17 January 2002 it was extended indefinitely. Türkiye became a party to the Ottawa Convention in March 2004 and afterwards established Turkish Military Demining Troops so as to fulfill her obligations.

In order to effectively destroy mines and other ordnance, a destruction facility was built by the Turkish Armed Forces, which entered into service in 2007 and destruction of stockpiled mines have been completed in 2011.

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, jurisdiction and responsibilities of the National Mine Action Centre, which will carry out mine and unexploded ammunition clearance activities within the territory of the Republic of Türkiye, was adopted on 22 January 2015 by the Turkish Grand National Assembly and entered into force on 03 February 2015 following its publication in the Official Gazette. Law 6586 was nullified with the legislative decree 703 on 9 July 2018 after the introduction of the new Presidential System of Government. Article 342 of Presidential Decree No 1, which is almost identical with Law 6586, was entered into force on 10 July 2018.

The abovementioned law entitles the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) established under the Ministry of National Defence to define policies towards mine and unexploded ammunition clearance activities within the territory of the Republic of Türkiye, 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.

9. Does your country have any specific measures in place to provide assistance to victims?

TURMAC monitors social, psychological and economic assistance provided to our citizens who are mine victims. The concept of ‘mine victim citizens’ is not used within the relevant ministries (Ministry of Family and Social Services, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, etc.) and is evaluated as a ‘disabled individual’. For this reason, it should be understood that when the services provided by these ministries to our disabled citizens are mentioned in the text, mine victim citizens are mentioned.

A communication line with the General Staff, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Interior Gendarmerie General Command and Governorship of our respective Provincial Health Directorates, the Ministry of Family and Social Services and other relevant ministries and bodies was established. TURMAC is provided a data of mine victims (identity, age, sex and occupation etc.) by these institutions periodically. In addition to these, although a program specifically prepared for mine victims do not exist, within the context of existing laws, mine victims and their families receive monthly payments, employment opportunities, enterprising grant, free job counselling and courses according to their condition from institutions in question.

Furthermore, within the context of current legislations, mine victims who are unable to perform daily activities without assistance receive support in acquiring medicine and medical equipment free of charge. Due to the coordination, which has been established between the Ministry of Family and Social Services and TURMAC, victims of the Mines/IED's have the opportunity to reintegrate into society by means of certain privileges, which are provided for them and their families. Transportation service is provided by the said Ministry for mine victims to ensure their access to rehabilitation centers.

Adopting gender-sensitive recruitment procedures helps to prevent discrimination and provide equal employment opportunities to women and men from diverse groups. Employment contracts ensure women and men are paid equally for equal work.

Thanks to the “Veterans Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Training and Research Hospital (TAF Rehabilitation Center)”, mine victims are provided to have facilities and to have support for the operation and maintenance promotional activities with modern communication tools organized for them. Further, facilities and units within this complex are Orthopedic Rehabilitation Hospital, constant nursing home, patient house and occupational therapy and professional rehabilitation units with social life facilities in order to integrate our victims into society.

The Disability Rights National Action Plan (2023-2025) contains strong coordination, multilateral cooperation for disabled individuals and activities that take into account of their social needs and represent persons with disabilities with the participation of non-governmental organizations.

Action Plan in question strengthens disabled individuals’ participation in social, cultural events, tourism and their participation in sports activities, and availability to public transportation services and areas open to public use, housing services. Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations were established in every province and district in accordance with the provisions of the Social Assistance and Solidarity Encouragement Law No. 3294, and 1,003 Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations provide services to our citizens. The Disabled Sports Federation, affiliated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, provides services for disabled people to do sports professionally.

In addition to these, the first aid posts are available to meet the emergency medical services near or adjacent to the contaminated and remote areas, and the victim who was injured, transported throughout available means, can be evacuated by his companion with or present first aid by the organization working near the contaminated areas. Concerning the continuing medical services, the victim has been received in central hospitals of the contaminated governorate and taken necessary action in connection with the provision of first aid services by emergency section, surgical operations and blood transfusion for victims who has serious case as a result of the injury, after the victim has acquired a degree of full recovery from the injury, he/she is referred to a rehabilitation center to rehabilitate the victim medically, psychologically, physically, and physical therapy.

Disabled employees can receive a deduction from their income tax base in amounts determined according to their disability degree. Tax Deduction is also available for the Employee’s Disabled Relative. Every person with a disabled ID card benefits from the right to travel free of charge on public transportation. Disabled individuals can use all public buses, sea transportation vehicles and trains free of charge. Additionally, 20% discount is provided on all domestic and international flights for disabled mine victims. Entrance to museums and historical sites is free for disabled people and they can benefit from state theaters free of charge.

Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations provide free wheelchairs, prostheses, speech and hearing aids to disabled people, as well as food, shelter and cash aid. Municipalities in Türkiye provide discounts on water and electricity services to disabled citizens. The discount rate for those over 18 is 50%.

Disabled students studying at the university are given additional points when entering the university. Disabled people with a disability of 40% or more are given priority in scholarship and dormitory applications by the Credit and Dormitories Institution. In the repayment of education and contribution loans, the debts of disabled people, with a report stating “unable to work,” are completely erased.

The Turkish Employment Agency, which operates under the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, provides job and vocational consultancy services to disabled people and organizes courses or

on-the-job training programs to increase their professional qualifications. These individuals are placed in jobs suitable for their situation. Additionally, disabled people are encouraged to start their own businesses.

According to the “National Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Plan” (NEOREP), which was prepared as a part of its Strategic Mine Action Plan (2020-2025) and targeted most affected areas;

i. TURMAC provided trainers’ training to 64 personnel from demining units of Turkish Land Forces Command assigned to Erzincan and Hatay in 2023. Following the training in question, these personnel were subjected to a proficiency exam; certificates were given to successful ones. In 2023, General Command of Gendarmerie EORE teams provided EORE sessions to 2120 residents (1676 men, 121 women and 323 children) who live close to minefields in Batman, Bingöl, Diyarbakır, Hakkari, Tunceli and Van. Within the scope of NEOREP, EORE message delivering items (notepad, pen, keychain, pencil box, mask, t-shirt and cloth bag) were provided to the citizens.

ii. TURMAC provided trainers' training to 70 Gendarmerie personnel who were assigned to provide EORE in Şanlıurfa and Gaziantep in 2024. It is also planned to provide trainers’ training in seven more provinces (Ağrı, Ardahan, Bitlis, Hatay, Iğdır, Kars, Kilis) in 2024.

10. Does your country require assistance in mine clearance, stockpile destruction, mine awareness and/or victim assistance? If so, please describe.

Türkiye benefited from EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds for mine clearance within the scope of the Eastern Borders Mine Clearance Project Phase-3. And as the continuation of Phase-3, a request is made to benefit from EU IPA funds for the purpose of mine clearance between 2025 and 2027. In addition, meetings were held with the embassies of other countries regarding the need for funding.

11. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in mine action? If so, please describe.

Within the restoration activity of the St. George and St. Jacobs Church's locates in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, mine and unexploded ordnance clearing on 13.000 m² area carried out by the Turkish Army Mine Clearance Units in 2019.

Türkiye donated approximately 30.000 US Dollars to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Mine Action Center (ARMAC) in order to contribute to the supply of the tools and materials needed to be used in secretariat services.

“Cooperation Protocol” was signed between TURMAC and Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) within scope of training and experience sharing for mine actions in 2019.

Türkiye sent 8 military demining teams and 4 EOD teams to Azerbaijan in December 2020 to support the mine clearance activities carried out by Azerbaijan.

A total of 20 mechanical demining machines (MEMATT-I and MEMATT-II) which were manufactured for the first time with domestic and national means and accredited and certificated by TURMAC according to international standards (CWA 15044 - Test and Evaluation of Demining Machines), were sent to Azerbaijan to support mine clearance activities.

Humanitarian Mine Clearance Training, Mine/IED Awareness Training, Mine Detector Training, Mechanical Demining Machines Training, Basic Demolition Techniques Training and Minefield Breaching Training were provided to Azerbaijan Armed Forces personnel. Additionally, a Goodwill Protocol was signed with Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ANAMA) in 18 November 2022.

Humanitarian Mine Clearance Training, Mine/Improvised Explosive Devices Awareness Training, Basic Demolition Techniques Training, Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Training, Improvised Explosive Devices Neutralizing Training and Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Calculation of Safety Distance Training were provided to Azerbaijan Armed Forces and Libya Armed Forces personnel in 2023.

OSCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

1. Has your country notified the Depositary of its consent to be bound by the 2003 CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) once it enters into force? Is your country considering doing so?

Türkiye is not a state party to the CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War.

2. If yes, at what stage is the process?

3. Would your country be interested in receiving assistance in clearing or otherwise minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

Türkiye does not have any identified area (land) in terms of ERW contamination.

4. Does your country have the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW? If so, please describe.

Türkiye has the capacity to assist others in clearing and minimizing the risks and effects of ERW.

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PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS
(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of Türkiye

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 27/03/2024

NATIONAL POINT(S) OF
CONTACT: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Organization, telephones, fax, e-mail)

This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ Partially, only the following forms:

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

E ☐

F ☐

G ☐

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form A Dissemination of information

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (a)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party: Republic of Türkiye

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INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

Unchanged.

INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

a. The minefields on eastern and southern borders are fenced and the warning signs are attached in order to protect innocent people. These territories are “military zones” that keeps civilians out of danger.

b. In addition to the minefields at the borders, there are some mined areas (around military bases) that are formed by military units during 1990’s against terrorist activities. But the size of these areas are also equipped with warning signs. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) sessions are being delivered for the population, about the danger of mines and improvised explosive devices, and awareness materials were distributed educational posters in provinces where are close to landmine areas in Türkiye. According to the “National Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Plan” (NEOREP), which was prepared as a part of its Strategic Mine Action Plan (2020-2025) and targeted most affected areas; **(in line with the OAP Action 28, 29, 30 and 31)**

i. TURMAC provided trainers' training to 64 personnel from demining units of Land Forces Command who were assigned to Erzincan and Hatay in 2023. After the training in question, these teams were subjected to a proficiency exam, certificates were given to successful ones.

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ii. In 2023, Gendarmerie EORE teams provided EORE sessions to 2120 (1676 men, 121 women and 323 children) residents who live close to minefields in Batman, Bingöl, Diyarbakır, Hakkari, Tunceli and Van. EORE message delivering items (notepad, pen, keychain, pencil box, mask, t-shirt and cloth bag) to be used within the scope of NEOREP were provided to the citizens.

iii. It is also planned to provide trainers' training in nine more provinces (Ağrı, Ardahan, Bitlis, Gaziantep, Hatay, Iğdır, Kars, Kilis and Şanlıurfa) in 2024.

iv. With the scope of EBMCP Phase-III, in 2023, NTS teams carried out EORE sessions in Şırnak. A total of 85 people (43 women and 42 men) participated in these trainings. (These trainings are age-appropriate and gender-sensitive, coherent with applicable national and international standards, tailored to the needs of mine-affected citizens as appropriate.)

c. EORE activities listed above were conducted according to the NMAS-12.10 Explosive Ordnance Risk Education.

d. According to our statistics on the awareness activities on the dangers of explosive ordnance indicate that the percentage of casualties and casualties in contaminated sites is limited to the lowest possible level. These intensive EORE trainings of dealing with the dangers of explosive ordnance and the growth of safe behaviors in the affected communities. By this way, it is enhanced the mine action as well as cooperation of the local population with the clearance teams.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form B Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (b) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

Remark:

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

1. Mine clearance (Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project Phase-3) started with commercial companies in 2021, with the partnership of UNDP and TDI - Altay.

2. Mine Clearance Units of Turkish Land Forces (TLF) and Gendarmerie General Command carried out humanitarian demining operations in the mine fields at southern borders (TLF) and eastern borders (Gendarmerie). These units also support the border wall construction which is a part of Integrated Border Management (IBM) system. These units are funded by Turkish Government.

3. In 2023;

Within the scope of Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project (EBMCP) Phase-III, demining contract was signed on 23 March 2021. In the project managed by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and carried out by commercial contractors (TDI –Altay), a total area of **3,622,371 m²** has been addressed and 49.336 mines has been destroyed in Ağrı, Ardahan, Iğdır and Kars provinces. Aforementioned phase of the project was completed at the end of 2023.

Eighteen (18) Military Demining Teams of Gendarmerie addressed **289.056 m²** of land (20.072 mines found/destroyed in 13 areas) in Van and Siirt provinces of Türkiye in 2023. **(in line with the OAP Action 22)**

Twenty-four (24) Military Demining Teams of Land Forces conducted demining operations in Hatay, Kilis, Şırnak, Van, Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa provinces of Türkiye. During these operations, approximately **331.214 m²** of land was addressed (432 mines found/destroyed in 18 areas) and delivered to relevant authorities in 2023. **(in line with the OAP Action 22)**

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4. Accreditation and Quality Management services for TLF and Gendarmerie units carried out by TURMAC.

5. As a result of the Non-Technical Survey (NTS) operations carried out by TURMAC Survey Branch, EBMCP Phase-III NTS and demining teams, more than **4.691.257 m²** of land was cancelled in 2023. **(in line with the OAP Action 18 and 22)**

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

Unchanged.

Form C

Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (c)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Unchanged.

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ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Unchanged.

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Form D Legislation

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (d)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

Remark:

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LEGISLATION:

The National Mine Action Standards (NMAS)

Standard Operational Procedures

Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards

**Southern Border Mine Clearance Standards are published on the TURMAC website.
(www.mafam.msb.gov.tr)**

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Form E International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the
Depositary [...] on [...]:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on
international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation
and assistance;”

Remark:

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

As a part of TURMAC’s capacity development, 15 personnel from TURMAC attended to the Mechanical Mine Clearing Machine Certification Training, 12 personnel attended to the Introduction to Humanitarian Mine Action Activities Training, 2 personnel attended to the Humanitarian Demining Training, 1 personnel attended to the Differential Global Positioning System (D-GPS) Training and 20 personnel attended the Gender Equality Awareness Raising Training in 2023. Additionally, Quality Management and Accreditation in Mine Action Training was provided to 66 personnel from military demining units, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) Training was provided to 64 personnel from military demining units, Information Management System of Mine Action (IMSMA) User Training was provided to 26 personnel from military demining units, Mine Detection Dogs Accreditation Training was provided to 10 personnel from military demining units, and Non-Technical Survey Training was provided to 16 personnel from military demining units in 2023. The following trainings are planned to be delivered in 2024 :

- a. Basic Training on Humanitarian Mine Operations
- b. Non-Technical Survey Training
- c. Technical Survey Training
- d. Information Management System of Mine Action (IMSMA) Administrator and User Training,
- e. Quality Management and Accreditation in Mine Action Training,
- f. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) Training

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Four (4) Military Demining Teams of Land Forces carried out demining operations in Azerbaijan in 2023 to support the mine clearance activities of Azerbaijan.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

In terms of International Cooperation and Assistance in Mine Action among State Parties, TURMAC has prepared a project document for EBMCP Phase-IV to be financed by the European Union (EU) (or any other donors) to carry out demining in the province of Van on the Iranian border. With the project, it is planned to clear in an area of approximately 4million m² in Van between 2025 and 2027. As brought up at 21st Meetings of State Parties to Ottawa Convention, which was held in Geneva between 20-24 November 2023, TURMAC held an event themed on individualized approach to request support for its future mine clearance activity.

Form F

Other relevant matters

Article 13,
paragraph 4 (f)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary [...] on [...]:

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

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Form G

Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11,
paragraph 2,

“2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

1. As stated in the last year report, the number of land forces demining teams were increased by 8 in 2023. Currently a total of 50 military demining teams (32 Land Forces, 18 Gendarmerie) are operational. **(in line with the OAP Action 27)**
2. Onside assessment of 6 Mechanical Demining Machines (MDM) belonging to the land forces and 2 MDM's vehicles belonging to the gendarmerie was carried out by TURMAC in May 2023. A total of 8 mechanical demining machines and 14 mine detection dogs have become operational. **(in line with the OAP Action 27)**
3. In December 2023, according to IMAS 07.31, a coordination meeting was held about mine detection dog principles and requirements. During the meeting, Mine Detection Dogs Accreditation Training was also held with mine detection dog training facilities, training personnel and mine detection dog management person by TURMAC. 108-box mine detection dog accreditation and testing area has been prepared in Türkiye's eastern borders region Iğdır. Preparation work for a total of 136 boxes mine detection dog test and accreditation area, include 104 boxes for the Turkish Army Dog Training facility in Bursa and 32 boxes for military demining unit in Erzincan, is continuing, which can be used following years. **(in line with the OAP Action 27)**

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

Unchanged

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NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Unchanged