AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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

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☐ Partially, only the following forms:

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**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:**

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**INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:**

Unchanged.

**INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:**

There are minefields on eastern and southern borders and in certain non-border areas. All of the minefields are fenced and warning signs posted in order to protect local population and passers by.

In addition to the minefields at the borders, there are some mined areas (around military bases) that are formed by military units against terrorist activities. But the acreage of these areas is very minor. These areas are also marked, fenced and observed constantly in order to prevent civilian casualties.

People who are living close to these areas are being informed by local civilian and security authorities about the existence of mines.

Additional to notification by local and security authorities, Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) itself prepared a Mine Risk Education (MRE) Strategic Plan (2020-2022) for these people who are at risk, and will start delivering MRE in 2020 by trainees who will be trained and certified by TURMAC. Mentioned MRE covers all mine affected provinces.
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. Eastern Border Mine clearance project Phase 2 was completed in December 2019. The EU and Turkish Government funded project had started in 2016 in order to clear the minefields on eastern borders of Turkey (Iğdır and Ağrı Provinces). Quality Management (QM) service provider company and Clearance companies were civilian commercial companies.

In 2019, approximately 1,344,065 m² area was released and handed over to TURMAC. The overall output of the project (Phase 1 and Phase 2) was app. 4,808,807 m² released land and 47,001 mines were detected and destroyed.

2. Mine Clearance Units of Turkish Land Forces (TLF) and Gendarmerie General Command which are accredited by TURMAC carry 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.

In 2019, approximately 275,472 m² area by TLF and 558,433 m² area by Gendarmerie units are handed over to TURMAC. TLF units (currently 32 demining teams) increase their capacity by establishing 2 new companies the total number of demining teams will reach 40 in 2020.

3. QM services for TLF and Gendarmerie units are carried out by TURMAC.

4. 534,868 m² area is cancelled by means of Non-Technical Survey (NTS) by TURMAC in 2019.
5. Eastern Border Mine Clearance Project Phase-3 (contains mine clearance and Mine Risk Education elements) will be initiated in 2020 and cover three demining seasons. The project will be funded by EU. In addition to clearance project a Non-Technical Survey Project (contains minefield survey and adhoc mine risk education elements) will be funded by Turkey in terms of co-finance agreement between EU and Government of Turkey. Both projects will be implemented simultaneously by UNDP.

EU will donate 18.5 million euros and Turkey will allocate a budget of 2.121 million euros for the project. Demining of 4.2 million m² contaminated land in Ağrı, Ardahan, Kars and Iğdır provinces is planned by private contractors.

Non-technical survey of 3500 minefields all around Turkey will be conducted by private contractors and a precise contamination map will be provided. Mine risk education will be implemented by means of NTS Teams and MoD approved NGOs. The tender process is still ongoing and projects are planned to start in June 2020.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

Gaziler Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Training and Research Hospital (www.gazilerftr.saglik.gov.tr),

Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) ELELE Foundation Special Training and Rehabilitation Centers (www.elele.org.tr) are the centres that serve for both military personnel and civilians in order to provide physical therapy, rehabilitation, victim assistance and occupational training courses.
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:

1. Turkey has taken all necessary steps to meet technical requirements of the protocol. Turkey utilizes warning signs and fences in accordance with the STANAGs, International Mine Action Standards. The signs are checked and maintained regularly.

2. Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) do not produce or possess mines (except the ones for training), booby-traps, and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) or any other devices which are not in compliance with the technical provision of this protocol.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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**Form D**

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;” |

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**LEGISLATION:**

The National Mine Action Standards (NMAS) which are IMAS compliant were published on the TURMAC website (www.mafam.msb.gov.tr).

There are 44 standards and 7 standard operating procedures which regulate all aspects of humanitarian mine action in Turkey.
### 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;”

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### INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

1. Turkey participates in international seminars and symposiums about humanitarian mine action.

### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

1. TURMAC is in cooperation with UNDP on the eastern border mine clearance project.

2. TURMAC attended several international meetings related to Ottawa Convention, Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons, and Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (EWIPA) and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

3. TURMAC has invited the Chair of the Ottawa Convention 4th Review Conference and ISU representative in 2019. The delegation was briefed about Turkey’s mine action activities and also had meetings with mine action shareholders in Turkey.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:
NIL

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.”

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:
NIL
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:
Unchanged

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:
Unchanged

NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:
Unchanged