

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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CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of Turkey

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NO

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:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Turkey

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to: **31/12/2017**

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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.

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

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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;”

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MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

1. Mine clearance project which is ongoing at the eastern borders of Turkey has started in 2016 and co-funded by EU and Turkish Government. Quality Management (QM) service provider company and Clearance companies are civilian commercial companies. In 2017, approximately 3.3 million square meter area was released and handed over to TURMAC.

2. Mine Clearance Units of Turkish Land Forces (TLF) and Gendarmerie, which are accredited by the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC), are also clearing minefields at southern borders (TLF) and eastern borders (Gendarmerie). Since the commencement of operations, approximately 4.5 million square meters of suspected area has been searched and cleared in support of border wall construction. The clearance is funded by the Turkish Government.

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

4. TURMAC has been using the “Information Management System for Mine Action” (IMSMA) since 2017. All data related to mine clearance has been transmitted to IMSMA.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:

Unchanged.

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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. Minefields at eastern (in 1990s) and southern borders (in 1950s) were replaced by TLF according to NATO standards. All minefields have records, which are highly accurate.**
- 2. All minefields are fenced and posted with international warning signs.**
- 3. Some of the benchmarks have been damaged due to natural circumstances.**
- 4. The geolocation system which was used during mine emplacements was ED-50. The geolocation system was changed to WGS-84 in 2001, so the conversion to that system is in progress.**

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;”

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LEGISLATION:

Unchanged.

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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;”

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

TURMAC had a meeting with UNMAS on mine and IED clearance in Syria.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:

- 1. TURMAC is in cooperation with UNDP on the eastern border mine clearance project.**
- 2. TURMAC participated in the State Parties meeting in Vienna.**
- 3. TURMAC had a visit to Afghanistan national Mine Action Center.**

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

- 1. One person from TURMAC participated in the senior manager course in mine action in Croatia.**
- 2. "Introduction to Humanitarian Mine Action" course was given to new TURMAC personnel.**
- 3. "Legal Aspects of Mine Action" course was given to the TURMAC personnel.**
- 4. "Non-Technical Survey", Quality Management in Mine Action trainings were given to TURMAC, TLF, Turkish Air Force and Turkish Naval Forces' personnel.**

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5. IMSMA training was given to TURMAC, TLF and Gendermerie (mine clearance units) personnel.

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Form F	Other relevant matters
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Article 13,
paragraph 4 (f)

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(f) other relevant matters.”

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

Turkey donated 10.000 USD to ITF-Enhancing Human Security based in Slovenia to support the project of "Workshop on Enhancing Local Physical Rehabilitation for People Following Amputations in Lebanon".

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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. Equipment and detectors used in the projects are of the highest standard.**
- 2. The coordinates of mines that are cleared, evidences, benchmarks, etc. are taken with sensitive D-GPS devices and processed in Geographical Information System (GIS).**

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

- 1. TURMAC (Turkish Mine Action Center).**
- 2. TLF Military Engineering School.**
- 3. Military Veterinary School Command (Mine Detection Dogs).**
- 4. Gendarmerie Horse and Dog Training Center (JAKEM) Command.**

NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

- 1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- 2. TURMAC (Turkish Mine Action Center)**

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