



MISSION PERMANENTE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE TURQUIE
AUPRÈS DE L'OFFICE DES NATIONS UNIES À GENÈVE

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to enclose herewith the Report of the Republic of Turkey concerning Amended Protocol II 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 (CCW), as well as the Compliance Report covering the period from 01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 pursuant to the Decision of the Fourth CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a Compliance Mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex III, Paragraph 3.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 27 March 2019

Encl: as stated above

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA),
Geneva Branch, United Nations Office at Geneva
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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

NAME OF THE HIGH
CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of Turkey

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 26/03/2019

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YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

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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 Turkey

Reporting for time period

from:

01/01/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

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 are very minor.

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, TURMAC itself, prepared a Mine Risk Education programme for these people and will start trainings in 2019.

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:

High Contracting Party: Republic of Turkey

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2018 to: 31/12/2018
dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy

MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:

1. Mine clearance project which is ongoing at the eastern borders of Turkey has started in 2016 and co-funded by the Turkish Government and the EU. Quality Management (QM) service provider company and Clearance companies are civilian commercial companies. In 2018, approximately 1.280.486 m² area was released and handed over to Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC).

2. Mine Clearance Units of Turkish Land Forces (TLF) and Gendarmerie General Command, which are accredited by TURMAC are also carrying 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 2018, approximately 450.000 m² area by TLF and 404.000 m² area by Gendarmerie units are handed over to TURMAC.

Both TLF and Gendarmerie units increase their capacity by establishing new companies (TLF 3, Gendarmerie 1) in 2019.

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

4. In 2018, 4,7 million m² area is cancelled by means of Non-Technical Survey (NTS) by TURMAC.

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.

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Turkey

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to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

dd/mm/yyyy

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Turkey has taken all necessary steps to meet technical requirements of the protocol. Turkey utilizes warning signs according to the international norms. The signs are checked and maintained regularly when needed.**
- 2. Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) do not produce or possess mines (except the ones for training), booby-traps, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) or any other devices which are not in compliance with the technical provision of this protocol.**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Unchanged

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Turkey

Reporting for time period
from:

01/01/2018

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

dd/mm/yyyy

LEGISLATION:

The National Mine Action Standards (NMAS) were 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:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Turkey

Reporting for time period
from:

01/01/2018

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

dd/mm/yyyy

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

- 1. Turkey participates in international seminars and symposiums about humanitarian mine action.**
- 2. Turkey participated in the CCW Group of Experts which was held on 10-11 June 2018 and made a presentation about Counter-IED operations.**

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.**

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

NIL

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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

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

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Turkey

Reporting for time period
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01/01/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

NIL

AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

Republic of Turkey

Reporting for time period
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01/01/2018

to:

31/12/2018

dd/mm/yyyy

dd/mm/yyyy

MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:

Unchanged

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:

Unchanged

NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:

Unchanged

REPORTING FORMS

pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference on the establishment of a **Compliance** mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in its Final Declaration, Annex II, Paragraph 5 (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II)

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NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Republic of Turkey

PARTY TO:

- Protocol I (Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments)
 Protocol II (Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
 Amended Protocol II (amended Protocol on Mines Booby-Traps and Other Devices)
 Protocol III (Protocol on Incendiary Weapons)
 Protocol IV (Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons)
 Protocol V (Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War)

ACCEDED TO:

- The amendment to Article 1 of the Convention

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 26/03/2019

(dd/mm/yyyy)

(NOTE: the recommended deadline for submission of the national reports was fixed by the 2007 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties at 1 October of each calendar year)

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

NO

Partially, only the following forms: A B C D E

NOTE: unless otherwise indicated all reports will be made public.

Note: Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the above Decision the High Contracting Parties have agreed “to provide information to the Secretary-General in advance of the Meeting, which will be circulated by the Secretary-General to all the High Contracting Parties, on any of the following matters:

- (a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;

¹ Please indicate individually for the CCW and each Protocol (if different).

– COMPLIANCE –

- (b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;
- (c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;
- (d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance; and
- (e) Other relevant matters.”

Each of the items listed above are provided as separate individual forms to be filled out by each High Contracting Party accordingly.

– COMPLIANCE –

SUMMARY SHEET

Reporting period: **from** 01.01.2018 **to** 31.12.2018
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

Form A: Dissemination of information: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form B: Technical requirements and relevant information: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form C: Legislation: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form D: Technical cooperation and assistance: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

Form E: Other relevant matters: changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

NOTE: This **Summary Sheet** may be used only after the High Contracting Party has submitted its first national report pursuant to the Decision of the Third CCW Review Conference. Only the reporting forms which are indicated as „changed“ have to be submitted thereafter together with the Cover page and the Summary Sheet.

FORM A: Dissemination of information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

- (a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”*

High Contracting Party: Republic of Turkey

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2018 **to** 31/12/2018
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

additional information of dissemination of information on CCW Amended Protocol II to armed forces and civilian population is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on dissemination of information on CCW Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Information to the armed forces, including the extent to which the CCW and its Protocols are part of military manuals and the training curriculum of its armed forces:

Unchanged

Information to the civilian population, including information on any programs, courses or documentation to disseminate the CCW to non-military audiences:

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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 are very minor.

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, TURMAC itself, prepared a Mine Risk Education programme for these people and will start trainings in 2019.

Any other relevant information:

FORM B: Technical requirements and relevant information

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Turkey

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2018 **to** 31/12.2018
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Amended Protocol II and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on steps taken to meet technical requirements of Protocol V and other relevant information pertaining thereto is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:

Any other relevant information:

FORM C: Legislation

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Turkey

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2018 **to** 31/12/2018
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

additional information of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year

additional information on legislation related to Protocol V is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Legislation, including the status and content of national legislation to prevent and suppress violations of amended Protocol II:

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

Any other relevant information, including the regulations and policies (other than national legislation) adopted to implement the CCW's obligations and ensure compliance with its Protocols:

FORM D: Technical cooperation and assistance

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance;”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Turkey

Reporting period: **from** 01/01/2018 **to** 31/12/2018
[dd/mm/yyyy] [dd/mm/yyyy]

additional information of measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Annual Report provided in accordance with paragraph 4(e) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional information on measures taken on international technical cooperation and assistance is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

International technical co-operation, including relevant experiences in seeking or providing technical assistance and cooperation:

1. Turkey participates in international seminars and symposiums about humanitarian mine action.
2. Turkey participated in the CCW Group of Experts which held on 10-11 June 2018 and made a presentation about Counter-IED operations.

International technical assistance:

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

Any other relevant information:

FORM E: Other relevant matters

Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Compliance:

“The High Contracting Parties will provide information [...] on:

(e) Other relevant matters.”

High Contracting Party: Republic of Turkey

Reporting period: **from** 01.01.2018 **to** 31.12.2018
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additional relevant information is contained in the National Annual Report provided pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II for the year:

additional relevant information is contained in the National Report provided pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 10 of Protocol V for the year:

Other relevant matters: