



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Afghanistan Statement on Cooperation and Assistance

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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the world's oldest humanitarian mine action programme, the Mine Action Programme of Afghanistan has gained a wealth of practical experience in the management and implementation of mine action and is ready to share its experiences with other mine and ERW affected countries when requested.

The Mine Action Programme of Afghanistan has already established a good working relationship with the mine action programmes of Tajikistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, Columbia, Cambodia and South Sudan and exchanges experiences and good practices with them.

During the month of May 2014, the second session of Persian Language Speaking Countries on Humanitarian Demining Operational Efficiency was held in Tehran Iran. The first session of such workshop was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in 2013.

In the Tehran workshop, representatives from Mine Action Programmes of Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Iran attended. During this workshop, experiences and good practices related to humanitarian demining operational efficiency were exchanged between these countries and a memorandum of understanding for future cooperation between these countries was signed. The third session of this workshop will held in Afghanistan next year.

I thank you,