



Statement by Turkey

FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION Oslo Action Plan Article 12-Interpretative Statement

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Thank you, Mr President,

We gave our consent to the Oslo Action Plan.

Nevertheless, with regard to Action 12 of the Oslo Action Plan, I would like to make an interpretative statement and register our position on this particular action.

Mr President,

The term of so-called “armed non-state actors” is mis-interpreted and mis-used. We think that, as there is no need to put more emphasis on this term, at the same time it does not make any differentiation among other actors or internationally recognized terrorist organizations. This might be the reasoning for the mis-interpretation of this terminology.

Unfortunately the Conference could not agree to drop this term which is obviously ambiguous and vulnerable for misinterpretations. Nevertheless, we are respectful with this decision.

Mr President,

We assume that the term of “ANSA” used in Action 12 does not include terrorist organizations which have been recognized to be “terrorist” by number of states, as it is the case for my country.

Thank you, Mr President.