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Азербайджана при Отделении Организации
Объединенных Наций в Женеве от 13 апреля 2022 года
в адрес Управления Верховного комиссара Организации
Объединенных Наций по правам человека**

Постоянное представительство Азербайджанской Республики при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций и других международных организациях в Женеве настоящим представляет заключительные замечания, сделанные на международной конференции «Гуманитарная деятельность по разминированию и цели устойчивого развития», которая проходила с 31 марта по 1 апреля 2022 года в Баку, Азербайджан, и была организована Агентством Азербайджанской Республики по разминированию (ANAMA) и Программой развития Организации Объединенных Наций (см. приложение).

Постоянное представительство просит Управление Верховного комиссара Организации Объединенных Наций по правам человека распространить настоящую вербальную ноту и приложение к ней* в качестве документа Совета по правам человека по пункту 8 повестки дня.

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Приложение к вербальной ноте Постоянного представительства Азербайджана при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций в Женеве от 13 апреля 2022 года в адрес Управления Верховного комиссара Организации Объединенных Наций по правам человека

**Concluding remarks of the International Conference on ‘Humanitarian Mine Action and the Sustainable Development Goals’
Baku, Azerbaijan (31 March – 1 April)**

Summary

These conclusions and recommendations were agreed upon by the participants at the International Conference on Humanitarian Mine Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (Baku, Azerbaijan 31 March - 1 April 2022). The conference was attended by representatives from 37 countries. The conference Programme and List of Participants are annexed to this document as Annex 1 and Annex 2.

Preamble

1. The Participants expressed their sincere gratitude to the Government of Azerbaijan, the Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Development Programme for organising the conference and to all participants for their collaboration and support.
2. The aim of the Conference was to bring together key actors of the demining sector from the international community, mine action operators, government agencies and civil society to discuss the importance of humanitarian mine action in addressing the threat of mines to people's lives and livelihoods.
3. The Conference focused on exploring linkages between the potential of humanitarian mine action for lasting peace and socio-economic development and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, more specifically SDG 16th that seeks to ‘significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere’.
4. In a stimulating environment of cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary knowledge sharing best practices were exchanged on the most advanced technologies currently available worldwide as well as lessons learned from intense demining activities, which were of particular importance for Azerbaijan as it is currently undertaking major reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in its conflict-affected areas.
5. The conclusions and the recommendations of the conference will be calling upon stakeholders to strengthen cooperation and explore options for further collaboration. The establishment of a in-country donor coordination mechanism such as mine action forum was suggested and at technical level it was recommended to establish various technical working group to address key challenges (LR, IM, EORE, VA).
6. The conference papers and summary of discussions, challenges and opportunities identified, and recommendations for further action shall be published as a compendium, providing the means by which a broad audience can be updated on the development of the sector, and above all gain understanding about the importance of continuous investment into humanitarian mine action programmes.

The Participants:

- (i) Recognize that the multi-lateral and interdisciplinary approach promoted by the Conference can lead to new opportunities for peace-building, sustainable development and international cooperation on humanitarian mine action.

- (ii) Acknowledge that humanitarian mine action cannot be sustainable without partnerships at all levels.
 - (iii) Recognize the need for sustainable support structures and financing, as well as the necessity of moving away from one-off project financing to built-in mechanisms to ensure timely and continuous funding for humanitarian mine action programme in Azerbaijan.
 - (iv) Recommend to consider the introduction of a new Sustainable Development Goal for humanitarian demining, to further strengthen and harness synergies between mine clearance and measurable progress towards a blueprint for a better, safer and more sustainable future for all.
 - (v) Acknowledge that humanitarian mine action is crucial for sustainable development and vital for saving lives, preventing injuries and rebuilding infrastructure, education and agriculture and underline the importance of strengthening assistance to Azerbaijan in humanitarian demining to support the ongoing reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in conflict affected areas. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education and victim assistance are important and a integrated part of any mine action programme.
 - (vi) Acknowledge that capacity-building and capacity exchange on humanitarian mine action are a continuing process, based on trust and enduring relationships that require a long-term commitment.
 - (vii) Further acknowledge that capacity-building and capacity exchange constitute a continuous dialogue between all stakeholders and awareness raising – hence recommend that this Conference is considered as a cornerstone for the continued sharing of practical experience and lessons learned in the area of humanitarian mine action, and is held annually in Azerbaijan.
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