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Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention

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Statements by Belgium

**On mine clearance (art.5)**

We welcome all the interventions and detailed presentations made by the States Parties in this segment of our meeting.

Belgium would like to congratulate again **Algeria** for the finalization, announced in February, of the operations of antipersonnel mine clearance on its territory. We welcome the efforts of Algeria in the global fight against antipersonnel land mines.

Belgium is also pleased to confirm the financing of a project submitted by Cleared Ground Demining and supported by the **Republic of Palau** to help this country to become mine free before its Mine Ban Convention deadline in May 2018.

We take note of the information received on the part of **Ukraine** in relation to challenges in the field of clearing areas contaminated by anti-personnel landmines. In this respect we would like to encourage again Ukraine to submit as soon as possible a request of extension of its period of implementation of art.5 which has expired and to continue to engage with the Committee on Art.5.