

**AGENDA ITEM: ARTICLE 5 – UKRAINE**  
**Comments on the absence of an extension request from Ukraine**



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Thank you Mr Chair.

Ukraine is currently in violation of the Mine Ban Treaty for missing its June 2016 deadline for landmine clearance. This is in addition to its violation of the treaty for missing its stockpile destruction deadline back in 2010.

All States Parties have good reasons to be very concerned that a member of the mine ban community is in willful violation of Article 5 and is jeopardizing the integrity of the treaty.

Requesting an extended deadline will allow Ukraine to come back into compliance with Article 5. As soon as the request is granted, the violation will cease. It is very difficult to understand why Ukraine would not want to benefit from this procedure.

Other States Parties with ongoing conflict and other States Parties that have no control over some parts of their national territory have been granted extensions in the past, thus remaining in compliance with the treaty.

We heard today Ukraine mentioning three conditions: an extension request would be exactly the right place to put forward those conditions for consideration by States Parties.

We urge the authorities in Kiev to work with the Committee on Article 5 in order to resolve this urgently.

We thank all states and other partners that have made themselves available to support Ukraine in these efforts.

Thank you.