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Mister Chair

Switzerland wishes to thank the Committee on Article 5 Implementation for the preparation of today's discussion and welcomes the Committee's preliminary findings.

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We are concerned that Ukraine has not yet submitted a request for extension in accordance with the process established by States Parties at the 7th MSP. On the one hand, we recognize the particularly challenging situation faced by Ukraine in having identified newly mined areas in areas under its jurisdiction but outside of its control. On the other hand, however, we would like to underline that procedures have been developed under the Convention to address such cases, which would require Ukraine to submit a request for extension of its deadline as foreseen under Art 5.3 of the Convention. We are preoccupied by the fact that this matter has not progressed since the 15th MSP found Ukraine in non-compliance with its Art 5 obligations. This undermines the credibility and integrity of our Convention. We therefore call upon Ukraine to submit as soon as possible a request for extension and to return to compliance with the Convention.

Thank you.