

## **PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 5 IMPLEMENTATION BY PERU**

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**Intersessional Meetings 30 June -2 July 2020**

#### **I. Progress in implementation (OAP Action #22, #8)**

1. Peru reported that in 2019, it addressed a total of 11 mined areas measuring 137,078.15 square metres, including 28,530 square metres cancelled, 26,600 square metres reduced and 81,948.15 square metres cleared, destroying in the process 1,113 anti-personnel mines. The Committee observed that progress reported by Peru is below the estimated amount of 20 mined areas projected by Peru to be addressed in 2019 as given in its 2019 Article 7 report. The Committee would welcome information from Peru on the challenges in meeting its projected milestones.
2. Peru also reported that during technical survey in the Tiwinza sector, two dangerous areas were identified - Montufar Nuevo and CG-DC-5 - contaminated with 10 and 12 TAB- 1 anti-personnel mines, respectively. Peru also reported that following survey operation, Ecuador handed over one area 01 Campo Minado (PV La Media) which was determined to be located on Peruvian territory.
3. The Committee observed that information provided by Peru on progress in implementation allowed for comparability with that provided in its 2016 extension request. The Committee noted that Peru had improved the quality of information by reporting in accordance with the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and by using the Guide to reporting (Action #22, #8).

#### **II. Clarity regarding remaining challenge (OAP Action #18, 22)**

4. The Committee observed that Peru provided a high degree of clarity on its remaining challenge (Action #18). Peru reported 108 confirmed hazardous areas measuring 369,212 square metres, remaining to be addressed (Action #22).

#### **III. National plans for clearance and survey (OAP Actions #1, #2, #3, #19, #20, #26)**

5. The Committee observed that Peru had a national evidence-based plan for clearance and survey in place (Action #2, #19). The Committee noted that Peru projects to address 15 mined areas in 2020, 20 mined areas in 2021, 27 mined areas in 2022, 25 mined areas in 2023 and 21 mined areas in 2024.
6. The Committee would welcome information from Peru on its efforts to integrate Convention implementation activities into national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, humanitarian response plans. The Committee further noted that in its 2016 extension request Peru included a detailed budget for the requested extension period, indicating that the implementation of the plan will be at the sole expense of Peru. In this regard, the Committee would welcome further updates from Peru on the allocation of state resources and international support of its work plan, as given in its 2016 extension request (Action #1).
7. The Committee would welcome further information on the actions Peru has taken and ways in which its work plan and strategy integrate gender and take the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities into account (Action #3).

8. In this regard, the Committee would welcome further information concerning information on the number of areas and amount of area to be addressed annually against updated milestones, including how priorities have been established to achieve completion (Action #20).
9. The Committee observed that Peru has made provision for a sustainable national capacity. In this regard, the Committee welcomes Peru continuing to provide updates on its national capacity to address any previously unknown mined areas that may be discovered following Peru declaring completion of its Article 5 obligations (Action #26).

#### **IV. Efficient and expedient implementation (OAP Actions #5, #9, #27)**

10. Peru reported that humanitarian demining procedures are based on the IMAS. The Committee would welcome information concerning the status of its National Mine Action Standards and if National Mine Action Standards are up to date with IMAS to ensure the efficient and expedient implementation of its mine action programme (Action #5).
11. The Committee would welcome information from Peru on its efforts to establish and maintain an accurate and up-to-date information management system (Action #9). The Committee would welcome information from Peru on its efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of survey and clearance operations (Action #27).

#### **V. Actions in accordance with plans in extension requests and decisions on them**

12. The Committee recalled that in granting Peru's request, the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties (15MSP) had requested Peru to submit updated information on several matters. The Committee welcomes the information provided by Peru regarding progress made relative to the commitments contained in section 15 of its extension request; the outcomes of survey efforts and how additional clarity obtained may change Peru's understanding of the remaining implementation challenge and priorities for clearance.
13. The Committee observed that Peru had not provided an update on the following decisions of the States Parties and would welcome an update on these matters:
  - Results of efforts in the development new land release policies and on their implementation;
  - Efforts undertaken to reach out to international entities to achieve Peru's desired outcome to conclude implementation well in advance of its requested extension deadline; and
  - Resources made available by the Government of Peru and other entities to support implementation.

#### **VI. Mine risk education and reduction (OAP Actions #28-32)**

14. The Committee would welcome further information on Peru's efforts to effectively exclude the population from mined areas (Action #32). The Committee would welcome further information on Peru's efforts to integrate mine risk education activities with wider humanitarian, development, protection and education efforts (Action #28). The Committee would also welcome further information on Peru's efforts to provide context-specific mine risk education and reduction programmes, (MRE/R) on the basis of a needs assessment to ensure these programmes are sensitive to gender, age, disability and take the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities into account, (Action #29). The Committee would welcome further information on Peru's efforts to link mine risk education and reduction programmes and messages to an analysis of available casualty and contamination data and its efforts to develop a national capacity to deliver these programmes (Action #30, #31).