



Article 5 extension request feedback: Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Thank you, Chair.

MAG congratulates Bosnia and Herzegovina on submission of their Article 5 extension request and we extend our thanks to the national authority for the opportunity afforded to our country team to input into planning discussions. We welcome the commitment to achieve completion by 2027, which we feel is more realistic than the target of 2025 contained within the Oslo Action Plan in light of the extent of remaining contamination and current rate of progress.

We particularly welcome the ongoing commitment to provide national resources to support the delivery of the plan, for which all contributing administrative entities should be congratulated. In addition, we urge the international donor community to maintain engagement with the sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina and ensure that international cooperation and assistance is delivered at the levels required to meet the 2027 target.

The adoption of the land release process in line with international best practice throughout the country is crucial in order to enable Bosnia and Herzegovina achieve its Article 5 obligations. We continue to support the efforts of the BHMAG in meeting this requirement, and would welcome more detailed projections for annual land release targets within the request.

We welcome the commitment by Germany to work in a country coalition with Bosnia and Herzegovina and would welcome a focus on resolving governance issues affecting the mine action sector, as well as improvements in efficiency.

Furthermore, we welcome the inclusion of actions around gender and employment in the extension request, including both gender and age disaggregated data on victims and beneficiaries and gender analysis with regards to landmine victims. We encourage further efforts to implement the gender mainstreaming aspects of the Oslo Action Plan.

MAG continues to support Bosnia and Herzegovina in its completion efforts, and, again calls upon States Parties to ensure that the levels of international cooperation and assistance are at the level required to meet the commitments set out in the extension request.

Thank you.

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