

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS ON ARTICLE 5

ANGOLA

Thank you Madam Chair

Since this is the first time my delegation takes the floor, I would like also to congratulate Mr Juan Carlos Ruan for deservedly being appointed as ISU Director and to wish him long life.

As one of the State Part in completion of article 5.

We recall that at the twelfth Meeting of States Parties Angola requested an interim extension of its Article 5 of Mine Ban Convention.

By requesting five years extension, Angola aims to obtain clarity regarding the remaining challenge, produce a detailed plan and submit the final request.

The Non-technical survey apart of continue demining activities, elimination of discrepancies at CNIDAH's database with the operators for a new concrete baseline is the main tool being used to obtain the detailed information we need.

The survey is coordinated by CNIDAH and carried out in the field by operators based and with profound knowledge of the area such as The Halo Trust, , NPA, MAG, APACOMINAS, DCA, MgM and ODAH funded by Angolan state, the European Union, Statoil, Norwegian and others. It was expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

Unfortunately we have not been able to complete it yet, this has been a situation of great concern to CNIDAH because it hinder Angola's efforts to fully comply with what is stated in the article 5 extension request of the Mine Ban Convention.

Despite of all constraints and the economic and financial situation. Up to now, 11 from 18 provinces have been surveyed and/or re-surveyed so far, the remaining seven are Cabinda, Lunda Sul, Lunda Norte, Cunene, Bengo, Luanda and Moxico. Namibe is done but the information is not in CNIDAH database yet.

EU funds, through the addendum to the 10th European Development Fund and from other sources allowed the operators involved in conducting the survey to continue to develop their actions.

Henceforth, CNIDAH and its national and international partners plan to coordinate and implement a Non-Technical Survey Completion Plan.

This Plan will be discussed amongst all stakeholders and is designed to facilitate the actual knowledge of the mine contamination problem in Angola under Article 5 of the MB Convention and is

Expecting the following Outcomes

- a) **December 2016** – Completion of survey/re-survey in the field/Mine Clearance.
- b) **January 2017** - The result will be Presented to all stakeholders
- c) **January to March 2017** - Preparation and completion of the 1st draft of Article 5 of final extension request.
- d) **Institutions Involved:** CNIDAH, CED, NPA, The HALO TRUST and MAG.

Thank you

SURVEY PROGRESS

