

## Statement for the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, MRE & Technologies

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In order to best implement Article 5, the challenge in many countries remains to address exaggerated Suspect Hazardous Areas and to optimize land release efficiency in reducing and ultimately removing areas of reported hazard from national databases.

The Operations Section of the GICHD provides support on aspects of Non-Technical Survey and Technical Survey to better define areas of contamination and enhance clearance activities.

We provide advice and training on land release approaches in national programmes through enhancement of:

- operational techniques and better targeting of survey and clearance resources
- improved frameworks for the management and monitoring of mine action contracts and tendering procedures
- Greater understanding of liability and insurance in mine action and
- Promotion of appropriate quality assurance and quality control procedures.

In addition, we have programmes of support to advance the safe application of mechanical techniques and animal detectors to support manual demining and accelerate progress in operations.

While the GICHD has numerous publications of value, four are of particular note for supporting Article 5 compliance

1. A Guide to Land Release: non technical methods
  2. A Guide to Land Release: technical methods
  3. A Guide to Contracting in Mine Action, and
  4. A Guide to Insurance & Liability in Mine Action
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Furthermore, I would like to remind participants that the GICHD remains a unique resource centre for mine action technologies and a repository for the results of test and evaluations of mine action equipment. All material is available through the GICHD website.