Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

Calendar of key dates in the process of requesting extensions under Article 5 of the Convention

Background:

- The Convention states that “if a State Party believes that it will be unable to destroy or ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines (in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control) within (ten years after the entry into force of the Convention for that State Party), it may submit a request to a Meeting for the States Parties or a Review Conference for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of such anti-personnel mines, for a period of up to 10 years.”

- Logically, a State Party’s request should be considered at the Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conference prior to that State Party’s deadline.

- In addition, at the September 2006 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties, it was agreed “to encourage States Parties seeking Article 5 extensions to submit their request to the President no fewer than nine months before the Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conference at which the decision on the request would need to be made.”

- As of September 2006, 45 States Parties had indicated that they were in the process of fulfilling Article 5 obligations. Many of these may need to submit a request for an extension.

- Given that the Convention entered into force for different States at different times it may be confusing for States Parties regarding when they should submit a request for an extension and when such a request would be considered.

- To assist States Parties which may need to submit a request for an extension, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies have prepared the following calendar.
### 2008

#### March 2008

If necessary, each of the following is encouraged to **submit its extension request** (i.e., nine months prior to the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties in 2008).\(^1\)

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Chad
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- France
- Jordan

- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Peru
- Senegal
- Swaziland

- Thailand
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- Venezuela
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe

#### September 2008

In addition, if necessary, each of the following would have **its extension request considered** (i.e., at the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties in 2008).\(^2\)

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Chad
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- France
- Jordan

- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Nicaragua
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1. Past practice has seen Meetings of the States Parties take place as early as mid-September or as late as November / December. The Eighth Meeting of the States Parties will need to take a decision on the dates of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties.

2. See note 1.
### 2009

**March 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Denmark
- France
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Peru
- Senegal
- United Kingdom
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe

**March 2009**

In addition, if necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to the Second Review Conference in 2009):³
- Albania
- Argentina
- Cambodia
- Rwanda
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia

**May 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Jordan
- Nicaragua
- Thailand

**June 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Swaziland

**August 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Uganda

**September 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Niger

**October 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Ecuador
- Venezuela

**November 1, 2009**

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Chad

**December 2009**

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at the Second Review Conference in 2009):⁴
- Albania
- Argentina
- Cambodia
- Rwanda
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia

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³ Past practice has seen a Review Conference take place in November / December. The Ninth Meeting of the States Parties will need to take a decision on the dates of the Second Review Conference.

⁴ See note 3.
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5 In accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, the Second Review Conference will need to take a decision on “the need for and the interval between further Meetings of the States Parties.”

6 See note 5.
January 1, 2011
Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Mauritania

March 1, 2011
Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Colombia

March 2011
In addition, if necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to an Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties in 2011):7
- Algeria
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eritrea

August 1, 2011
Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Zambia

November 1, 2011
Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Congo, Republic of
- Guinea Bissau

December 2011
If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at an Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties in 2011):8
- Algeria
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eritrea

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7 See note 5.
8 See note 5.
February 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Eritrea

March 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Chile

March 2012

In addition, if necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties in 2012):9
- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Cyprus

April 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Algeria

November 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Democratic Republic of the Congo

December 2012

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties in 2012):10
- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Cyprus

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9 See note 5.
10 See note 5.
2013

January 1, 2013

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Angola

March 1, 2013

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Afghanistan

March 2013

If necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2013):¹¹

- Burundi
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Greece
- Sudan

July 1, 2013

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Cyprus

December 2013

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2013):¹²

- Burundi
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Greece
- Sudan

2014

March 1, 2014

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Greece
- Serbia
- Turkey

March 2014

If necessary, the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Third Review Conference or Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2014):¹³

- Ethiopia

April 1, 2014

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Burundi
- Sudan

December 2014

If necessary, the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Third Review Conference or Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2014):¹⁴

- Ethiopia

¹¹ See note 5.
¹² See note 5.
¹³ See note 5.
¹⁴ Should a Review Conference be held in 2013, in accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, the Second Review Conference will need to take a decision on “the need for and the interval between further Meetings of the States Parties.”
2015

**March 2015**
If necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Meeting of the States Parties in 2015): ¹⁵
- Vanuatu

**June 1, 2015**
Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Ethiopia

**December 2015**
If necessary, the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Meeting of the States Parties in 2015): ¹⁶
- Vanuatu

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**March 1, 2016**
Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:
- Vanuatu

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¹⁵ See note 14.
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- **Yellow**: Date when requests for extensions would be considered if necessary.
- **Red**: Deadlines for the clearance of mined areas.