

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENDED
DEADLINE SUBMITTED BY NIGER – AGENDA #9**

PRESIDENT OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

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The analysing group appreciated that by submitting a request for an extended deadline, Niger had demonstrated its commitment to adhere to the obligations enshrined in Article 5 of the Convention and the decisions of the States Parties relating to the discovery of previously unknown mined areas.

The amount of area in question in Niger is small. In this regard, and notwithstanding some specific challenges Niger faces, we noted that Niger may find itself in a situation wherein it could proceed with implementation faster than suggested by the amount of time requested by starting work already in 2013.

That is, we noted the length of time between the discovery of the mined areas and the start of work.

We also noted that implementation could proceed quicker if Niger developed a resource mobilisation strategy to acquire needed funds.

The analysing group noted that monthly benchmarks for progress contained in the request would greatly assist in assessing progress made in implementation during the extension period.

In this regard, we recommended that Niger provide updates relative to these benchmarks at meetings of the Standing Committees, Meetings of the States Parties and Review Conferences.

The analysing group recommended that Niger keep the States Parties regularly apprised of Niger's national financial and in-kind contribution to implementation, efforts to mobilise external resources and the results of these efforts.

We also recommended that Niger inform the States Parties, by mid-2014, of the following:

- a. the methods used to identify the area known and areas suspected to contain anti-personnel mines, and

- b. the humanitarian, social, economic, and environmental implications of the request.

Finally, we recommended that Niger report annually to the States Parties on the following:

- a. Progress made relative to the activities listed in Niger's 2014-2015 work plan;
- b. The outcomes of survey efforts and how additional clarity obtained may change Niger's understanding of the remaining implementation challenge;
- c. Changes in the security situation and how these changes positively or negatively affect implementation; and
- d. External financing received and resources made available by the Government of Niger to support implementation.