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Article V Intervention

NZ was also a member of the Analyzing Group which performed its work under the mandate which was given to the Group by all States Parties in 2005.

I would like to thank Prince Henri for his kind words and dedication.

The Analyzing Group was very conscious that each State has unique circumstances, and I would like to thank the requesting States for their close collaboration with the Analyzing Group, a process which is not always comfortable.

I would particularly like to thank those States which revised and amended their requests in line with feedback received from the H.G.

I would note that three of the requesting States, which are not in a position to present a detailed and comprehensive plan forward, have decided to present interim requests so that they can compile the necessary information to submit a meaningful extension request for completion of Art 5 obligations, for States Parties to approve.

Thank them for their flexibility in adopting this practical approach.
As Canada noted yesterday, we certainly had moments of spirited discussion as we conducted our work this year.

However, we were all ultimately guided by the conviction that the credibility of the Convention should be upheld, and that we needed to establish a robust set of procedures for the consideration of any further requests in the future, in line with our obligations to complete clearance of mined areas as soon as possible.

We need to keep both of these factors in mind as we proceed with the final phases of the extension examination process this week.