

**Draft decisions on the request submitted by Afghanistan for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention**

- a. The meeting assessed the request submitted by Afghanistan for an extension of Afghanistan's deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5.1, agreeing to grant the request for extension until 1 March 2023.
- b. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that even with a consistent and sizeable effort having been undertaken by Afghanistan going back even before entry into force of the Convention, Afghanistan faces a significant remaining contamination challenge in order to fulfil its obligations under Article 5. The Meeting further noted that, while the plan presented by Afghanistan is workable and ambitious, its success is contingent upon the findings of survey efforts, stable funding and the challenges posed by the security situation.
- c. Also in granting the request, the Meeting requested that Afghanistan provide updates at meetings of the Standing Committees, Meetings of the States Parties, and Review Conferences with respect to a variety of commitments made and milestones contained in its extension request, including with respect to the following:
  - i. The commitment made by Afghanistan to carry out, in 2013, non-technical survey of 863 impacted communities and 15,361 non-impacted communities, and "village by village search" in 863 impacted communities and 2,295 non-impacted communities.
  - ii. Any revisions to Afghanistan's work plan, and the reasons for these revisions, which might result from Afghanistan's commitment to review its work plan on a continuous basis and its commitment to do so using an inclusive approach that was so important in the preparation of the extension request.
  - iii. Any revisions to Afghanistan's work plan, and the reasons for these revisions, which might result from the three main factors expressed in the request that could impact positively or negatively on the work plan, namely the results of surveys and resurveys, the amount of funds acquired and the security situation in Afghanistan.
  - iv. The annual milestones for progress as contained in section 17.7 of Afghanistan's extension request.