Draft decisions on the request submitted by Cyprus 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 Cyprus for an extension of Cyprus’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 July 2016.

b. In granting the request, the meeting noted that Cyprus has expressed that the sole circumstance which impedes the ability of Cyprus to destroy all anti-personnel mines in mined areas that it has reported to be under its jurisdiction or control is that Cyprus has indicated that it does not have effective control over the remaining areas in question. The meeting further noted the importance of a State Party providing information on changes to the status of the control of mined areas when such a State Party has indicated that matters related to control affect the implementation of article 5 during extension periods.