

Decisions on the Request Submitted by Cambodia for an Extension of the Deadline for Completing the Destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines in Accordance with Article 5 of the Convention¹

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24. Taking into account the analyses presented by the President of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties of the requests submitted under article 5 of the Convention and the requests themselves, the Conference took the following decisions:

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- iii. The Conference assessed the request submitted by Cambodia for an extension of Cambodia's deadline for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with article 5.1, agreeing to grant the request for an extension until 1 January 2020.
- iv. In granting the request the Conference noted that, while it may be unfortunate that after almost ten years since entry into force a State Party is unable to clarify what remains to be done, it is positive that such a State Party, as in the case of Cambodia, has sought the input of all relevant parties to develop a methodology to produce an estimate.
- v. Also in granting the request, the Conference further noted Cambodia's commitment to carry out a "Baseline Survey" of all affected districts by the end of 2012 to produce greater clarity on the remaining implementation challenge, to regularly report on progress in carrying out the Baseline Survey, to report to the States Parties on the outcomes of the Baseline Survey, and to provide to the States Parties a revised work plan, schedule and budget. In addition, the Conference noted that all would benefit from progressively clearer information being used by Cambodia to develop and thereafter revise a single national clearance plan that takes into account the proficiencies and strengths of the various demining operators.
- vi. Also in granting the request, the Conference noted that, while total projected resource requirements are realistic based upon recent experience, Cambodia has projected that an additional US\$ 125 million would be required to actually complete implementation of article 5 during the extension period. In addition, the conference noted that the Cambodian Mine Action Authority is working to ensure that the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) becomes an accredited demining operator by the end of 2009 and to clarify RCAF clearance records to date.

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25. Also in the context of considering the submission of requests under article 5 of the Convention, the Conference noted that three of the States Parties that had submitted requests for extensions had highlighted the importance of obtaining resources in order to implement the plans contained in their requests. The Conference encouraged requesting States Parties, as relevant, to develop as soon as possible resource mobilisation strategies that take into account the need to reach out to a wide range of national and international

¹ Excerpts from the Final Report of the 30 November – 4 December 2009 Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, United Nations Document # APLC/CONF/2009/9.

funding sources. The Conference furthermore encouraged all States Parties in a position to do so to honour their commitments to fulfilling their obligations under article 6.4 of the Convention to provide assistance for mine clearance and related activities.

26. Also in the context of considering the submission of requests under article 5 of the Convention, the Conference noted that the ongoing effort to implement article 5 during States Parties' requested extension periods has the potential of making a significant contribution to improving human safety and socio-economic conditions.
27. Also in the context of considering the submission of requests under article 5 of the Convention, the Conference noted that the accounting of the remaining mined areas contained in many extension requests would serve as a foundation for a resource mobilisation strategy and greatly assist both requesting States Parties and all others in assessing progress in implementation during the extension period. The Conference encouraged those requesting States Parties that have not yet done so to provide an accounting of annual milestones of progress to be achieved during extension periods. The Conference furthermore encouraged all States Parties whose requests had been considered by the Second Review Conference to provide updates relative to their accounting of remaining mined areas and / or annual benchmarks for progress at meetings of the Standing Committees, at Meetings of the States Parties and at Review Conferences.
28. Also in the context of considering the submission of requests under article 5 of the Convention, the Conference warmly welcomed the report presented by the President of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties on the process for the preparation, submission and consideration of requests for extensions to article 5 deadlines, as contained in document and agreed to encourage States Parties, as appropriate, to implement the recommendations contained therein.