
**Meeting 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**

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**Operation and status of the Convention. Presentation,
reporting, discussion and decision with regard to:**

**Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate
of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation**

**Request for extension of the deadline for completing the
destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with
Article 5 of the Convention¹**

Executive summary

Submitted by Cyprus²

1. In accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 5.3, the Republic of Cyprus is formally submitting a request to the Chair of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention's Committee on Article 5 Implementation for a further 3-year extension, until 1 July 2019, of the deadline to fulfil its obligation under Article 5.1 to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control.
2. The circumstances that made necessary the initial request for an extension – namely, the fact that certain parts of Cyprus's sovereign territory are occupied by the Turkish Armed Forces and therefore de facto outside the control of the Government – remain unfortunately unchanged to date.
3. As these occupied areas have been, since the time when the initial request for an extension was submitted, the only ones in the jurisdiction of Cyprus that remain emplaced with anti-personnel mines, a reference is made to all relevant documentation appended to the initial request for an extension of the deadline with regard to the requirements of Article 5.4, as information contained therein remains valid in its entirety. This initial request, which was submitted in April 2012, is available to all delegations on the Convention's website.

¹ Late submission.

² Request submitted through a letter by H.E. Ambassador Andreas Ignatiou, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus, to the Chair of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Committee on Article 5 Implementation.

