

Decisions on the request submitted by Peru for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention

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- a. The meeting assessed the request submitted by Peru for an extension of Peru'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 31 December 2024.
- b. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that Peru has made steps to ensure that the objectives of the work plan of its initial extension request were achieved. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that Peru has expressed that the sole circumstance which impedes the ability of Peru to destroy all anti-personnel mines in mined areas that it has reported to be under its jurisdiction or control is due to new information received concerning the existence of 138 mined areas located in Peruvian territory.
- c. The Meeting noted that, while the proposed extension seemed workable, the fact that Peru indicates that it will seek to develop enhanced processes of releasing land suggests that Peru may find itself in a situation wherein it could proceed with implementation faster than that suggested by the amount of time requested and that doing so could benefit both the Convention and Peru itself given the indication by Peru of the socio-economic benefits that will flow from demining.
- d. The Meeting noted the importance of the United Nation's International Mine Action Standards, or IMAS, in emphasising that evidence is required in order to define an area as either "suspected hazardous area" (i.e., an area suspected to contain anti-personnel mines) or "confirmed hazardous area" (i.e., an area known to contain anti-personnel mines).
- e. In this regard, the Meeting noted that the Convention would benefit from Peru providing by 30 April 2018 an updated work plan for the remaining period covered by the extension containing information on the results of the activities to meet its strategic objectives, an updated list of all areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines, annual projections of which areas and what area would be dealt with during the remaining period covered by the request and by which organization, and an updated budget.
- f. Also in granting the request, the Meeting further noted that the Convention would benefit from Peru reporting annually to the States Parties on the following:
 - i. Progress made relative to the commitments contained in section 15 of its extension request;
 - ii. Results of efforts in the development of new land release policies and on their implementation;

- iii. The outcomes of survey efforts and how additional clarity obtained may change Peru's understanding of the remaining implementation challenge and priorities for clearance;
 - iv. Efforts undertaken to reach out to international entities to achieve Peru's desirable outcome to conclude implementation well in advance of its requested extension deadline;
 - v. Resources made available by the Government of Peru and other entities to support implementation.
- g. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted the importance, in addition to Peru reporting to the States Parties as noted above, of keeping the States Parties regularly apprised of other pertinent developments regarding Peru's implementation of Article 5 during the period covered by the request at intersessional meetings, Meetings of the States Parties and at Review Conferences. The Committee further noted the importance of Peru providing updated information on an annual basis within its Article 7 transparency report and noted that the Guide to Reporting adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties may support Peru in reporting on progress in implementing the plan within its request for extension.