



## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENT #4**

### **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES THAT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FULFILLING ARTICLE 5 OBLIGATIONS**

#### **Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies May 27-28, 2009**

##### **Background:**

The *Nairobi Action Plan* refers to the Intersessional Work Programme as a tool to “monitor and actively promote the achievement of mine clearance goals and the identification of assistance needs.” Also with respect to this matter, the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties (9MSP) “encouraged all States Parties whose requests had been considered by the Ninth Meeting to provide updates relative to their accounting of remaining mined areas and / or annual benchmarks for progress at meetings of the Standing Committees, at the Second Review Conference and at Meetings of the States Parties.”

To maximize the opportunity presented by the Standing Committee to “monitor and actively promote the achievement of mine clearance goals and the identification of assistance needs” and to enable relevant States Parties to provide updates pursuant to the decisions of the 9MSP, the Co-Chairs invite the States Parties that are in the process of fulfilling Article 5 mine clearance obligations to prepare 6-8 minute updates to be provided at the 27-28 May meeting of the Standing Committee.

##### **I. Questions for consideration by States Parties that requested and received extensions at the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties**

(Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Jordan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Thailand, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe)

1. What progress has been made since the 9MSP? To what extent has the total amount of mined area and the number of mined areas been reduced?
2. Is your State on track to achieving its objectives for 2009 as described in its extension request? What progress has been made to achieving the other objectives contained in the request?
3. What actions have been taken related to decisions of the 9MSP with respect to your State's request?

**II. Questions for consideration by States Parties that have indicated they will be or may be able to complete implementation of Article 5 by the time of the Second Review Conference**

(Albania, Burundi, Greece, Rwanda, Serbia, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia)

1. What progress has been made since the 9MSP? To what extent has the total amount of mined area and the number of mined areas been reduced?
2. What remains to be done in order for your State to complete implementation of Article 5? How much mined area and how many mined areas remain?
3. Is your State on track to completing implementation by the time of the Second Review Conference? What is your targeted date for completion?

**III. Questions for consideration by States Parties that have indicated they will request an extension for consideration at the Second Review Conference**

(Argentina, Cambodia and Tajikistan)

1. What remains to be done in order for your State to complete implementation of Article 5? How much mined area and how many mined areas remain?
2. What are the circumstances that impede the ability of your State to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control within the requested extension period?
3. What is the amount of time requested and what is the rationale for this request?
4. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
5. What new methodologies, if any, are being explored or have been employed in your State's effort to fulfill its Article 5 obligations during the requested extension period?
6. What major structural, technical or practical changes, if any, has your State planned for the period of the extension to ensure that your State will meet its Article 5 obligations in the requested time frame?
7. What financial and technical means has your State dedicated to ensuring the fulfillment of your State's Article 5 obligations and what financial and technical means will your State dedicate for this purpose?
8. What, if any, are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfillment of its Article 5 obligations up to and during the extension period requested by your State?

**IV. Questions for consideration by other States Parties that are in the process of implementing Article 5**

(Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bhutan, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Mauritania, Sudan, and Turkey)

1. What remains to be done in order for your State to complete implementation of Article 5? How much mined area and how many mined areas remain?
2. If your State still does not know how much mined area and how many mined areas remain to be addressed, what steps are being taken to acquire the necessary information?
3. What are the circumstances that may impede the ability of your State to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control by your State's deadline?
4. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State's jurisdiction or control?
5. What new methodologies, if any, are being explored or have been employed in your State's effort to fulfil its Article 5 obligations?
6. What financial and technical means has your State dedicated to ensuring the fulfilment of your State's Article 5 obligations and what financial and technical means will your State dedicate for this purpose?
7. What, if any, are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations up to and during the extension period requested by your State?