

Decisions on the request submitted by Algeria 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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- i. The Meeting assessed the request submitted by Algeria for an extension of Algeria'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 an extension until 1 April 2017.
- ii. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that, the proposed extension seemed workable, comprehensive and complete and that, as stated by Algeria in its request, Algeria would be able to complete implementation by April 2017.
- iii. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted that, as Algeria has made it clear that it faces difficulties in giving precise dates for completion of work in three specific minefields with specific characteristics including fragmentation mines set in granite rocks and mined areas that are covered with sand, the Meeting noted that Algeria may benefit from discussion of its situation with other States Parties that have experience in clearing similar terrain and which face similar challenges and that such mutual cooperation could be mutually beneficial and could lead to improved clearance rates. The Meeting also noted the value of Algeria ensuring the use of the full range of technical and non-technical means to release suspected hazardous areas.
- iv. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted that the provision of annual milestones of progress to be achieved, which Algeria included in its request, would greatly assist both Algeria and all States Parties in assessing progress during the extension period. In this regard, the Meeting further noted that both could benefit if Algeria provided updates relative to the annual milestones of expected progress at meetings of the Standing Committees, Meetings of the States Parties, and at the Third Review Conference.