

Decisions on the request submitted by Chad 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 Chad for an extension of Chad'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 January 2020.
- b. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that Chad had made good efforts to largely comply with the commitment it had made, as recorded by the decisions of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties, to garner an understanding of the true remaining extent of the challenge and develop a plan accordingly.
- c. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted that, while steps have been taken to clarify the remaining challenge and while a national mine action strategy has been prepared, a detailed annual work plan for survey and clearance leading to completion and based on accurate and coherent data was still missing. The Meeting further noted that, while it would appear that Chad possesses more knowledge than it did in 2010 about the remaining extent of the challenge, the information provided could be communicated with greater clarity and in an unequivocal manner. In this regard, the Meeting requested that Chad submit to the President of the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties, by the Third Review Conference, a clear and detailed national survey and clearance plan leading to completion with this plan addressing information discrepancies in the extension request.
- d. Also in granting the request, the Meeting, in noting that Chad indicated that the mine action strategy will be subject to a mid-term evaluation in 2015, requested Chad to inform the States Parties, by the end of 2015, of the results of its mid-term evaluation of the strategy, including if necessary, providing an updated strategy that takes into account new information. The Meeting further requested that that Chad inform States Parties on an annual basis on the following:
 - i. The number, location and size of remaining mined areas, plans to clear or otherwise release these areas and information on areas already released, disaggregated by release through clearance, technical survey and nontechnical survey in accordance with Action #17 of the Cartagena Action Plan;
 - ii. Efforts to diversify funding sources and to reach out to other relevant parts of the government to contribute to covering the costs of implementing Chad's national plans for survey and mine clearance;
 - iii. Efforts undertaken to address inadequacies in the management of mine action information; and
 - iv. Whether circumstances which had previously impeded the timely implementation of the Convention were continuing to affect the fulfillment of Chad's obligations.