

**Statement by Poland**  
**for the**  
**XV Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,  
Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and Their Destruction**  
**on clearing mined areas**

Santiago de Chile, 30.11.2016

Madame President, Distinguished Delegates,

Poland understands the complexity of the situation Ukraine is faced with, which stems from its inability to fulfill the commitment imposed by article 5 of the Ottawa Convention.

We also realize that the problem concerns some parts of the national territory which were objects of an outside aggression and are temporarily out of control of the Ukrainian authorities. We express our full solidarity with Ukraine in this respect.

Nevertheless we encourage the government in Kiev to consider submitting a request for extension of Ukraine's mine clearance deadline. Taking into account complexity of the situation and ongoing discussions with ISU and art. 5 Committee, we look forward for continuation of discussion under the mechanisms provided by the Convention.

Thank you.