



*Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus  
Geneva*

*Ambassador  
Permanent Representative*

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Excellency,

I have the honour to address this letter to you in your capacity as Chair of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention's Committee on Article 5 Implementation, in order to formally submit - in accordance with the relevant provisions of Art. 5.3 - a request on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus for a further 3-year extension, until 1 July 2022, of the deadline to fulfill its obligation under Article 5.1 to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control.

As I am sure you are aware, the circumstances that made necessary the initial (as well as the subsequent) request for an extension - namely, the fact that certain parts of Cyprus's sovereign territory are occupied by the Turkish Armed Forces and therefore de facto outside the control of the Government - remain unfortunately unchanged to date.

As these occupied areas have been, since the time when the initial request for an extension was submitted, the only ones in the jurisdiction of the Republic Cyprus that remain emplaced with anti-personnel mines, I would kindly refer you to all relevant documentation appended to the initial request for an extension of the deadline with regard to the requirements of Art. 5.4, as information contained therein remains valid in its entirety. This initial request, which was submitted in April 2012, is available to all delegations on the Convention's website.

I thank you in advance and I take this opportunity to convey to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Best Regards*  
  
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