

Cyprus Extension Request – ICBL Comments

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The ICBL thanks Cyprus for submitting its request in a timely manner and for providing additional information on the efforts undertaken towards fulfillment of its Art. 5 obligations, since its last extension request. We also thank the Article 5 Committee for its analysis.

We fully support Cyprus's request. By requesting an extended deadline for these mined areas, Cyprus ensures its continued compliance with Art. 5 and upholds the integrity of the convention.

We also take the opportunity to recall the [Security Council Resolution 2561](#) of January 2021 which "*urges the leaders of both communities to agree and continue a plan of work to achieve a mine-free Cyprus.*"

We continue to hope for a prompt settlement of the situation and for land to become safe again for communities in the near future.

Thank you.