

**Statement on Eritrea's Article 5 implementation, delivered by NPA on behalf of Mine Action Review  
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It is extremely disappointing and concerning that Eritrea has failed to present an extension request ahead of 19MSP and has now been in critical violation of the APMBC for almost one year, since its Article 5 deadline expired on 31 December 2020.

We appreciate the efforts taken by both the current and previous presidency of the Treaty, as well as other members of the Convention leadership, to establish a cooperative dialogue with Eritrea regarding its Article 5 obligation and regret that these efforts have been unsuccessful.

Given Eritrea's continued non-compliance of Article 5, the States Parties should now formally engage the compliance procedure laid down in Article 8 of the Convention and submit, through the UN Secretary-General, a request for clarification to Eritrea. Should Eritrea fail to respond, or to respond adequately, a compulsory fact-finding mission may be authorised by the next Meeting of States Parties.

The integrity of Article 5 and our Convention is now at stake. States Parties must act now.