

Somalia's draft Extension Request – ICBL Comments
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Thank you, Mr. President,

We thank Somalia for submitting its revised request and the Committee for its analysis.

The ICBL has provided extensive comments on Somalia's request throughout the year and this time we will keep our comments very brief.

For its extension request to be complete, Somalia still needs to provide a full workplan for the requested period, including details for survey of accessible areas, a detailed multi-year work plan and budget for risk education, as well as a resource mobilization plan.

Therefore we recommend an interim extension of one year is granted for the development of a comprehensive plan and the presentation of a complete extension request next year.

Somalia's contamination continues to have a severe humanitarian impact, with children accounting for vast majority of all casualties. It is crucial that Somalia addresses the contamination on its territories as soon as possible.

Thank you.