

## Cyprus Extension Request – ICBL Comments

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Thank you, Madam Chair,

ICBL aligns itself with the statement made by the Gender and Diversity Working Group, delivered yesterday.

The ICBL thanks Cyprus for submitting a request in a timely manner and for providing additional information today in regard the efforts undertaken towards fulfillment of its Art. 5 obligations, since its last extension request.

While this is very unfortunate Cyprus is unable to fulfill its obligations under Art. 5 in some mined areas that are outside of its effective control, 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.