

**Statement on Cyprus's Article 5 Extension Request, delivered by Mine Action Review
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Cyprus is requesting an extension of 3 years which would set its new Article deadline at 31 July 2025. Cyprus has reported that its territory which contains mined areas is "de facto outside of the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus as a result of the continuous occupation of Turkey".

- The Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot authorities in northern Cyprus should both comply with the UN Security Council's renewed call for access to all remaining mined areas within and outside the buffer zone.¹
- Both sides should collaborate with the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in developing a work plan to complete clearance of all known mined areas.

Thank you.

¹ UN Security Council Resolution 2453 (2019), para. 17.