

**Eritrea's non-submission of Extension Request – ICBL Comments**  
**Intersessional Meetings, 22-24 June 2021**

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Thank you, Madam Chair,

The ICBL is gravely concerned by Eritrea's non-compliance with the treaty.

We are also greatly disappointed by Eritrea's lack of communication and engagement and its absence at the meeting today.

Eritrea is in *formal* non-compliance with the treaty since 1 January this year by having failed to request a new deadline under Art. 5. In addition, Eritrea has reported no progress in mine clearance or land release since 2014, which means *de facto* non-compliance with its Article 5 obligations to clear all contamination *as soon as possible*.

These should be of great concern to all States Parties.

We appreciate the prolonged and extensive outreach vis-à-vis Eritrea carried out by the Committee on Art. 5, the Presidency, the Previous President Sudan, and the ISU and we thank all States Parties who spoke up on this concern today.

We believe it is time for States Parties to consider invoking Art. 8 of the treaty on 'facilitation and clarification of compliance' and to work together to bring Eritrea back into the *formal* and *de facto* compliance with the treaty, as soon as possible.

Thank you.