

**Statement on Guinea-Bissau's Article 5 Presentation, delivered by Mine Action Review
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- Mine Action Review thanks Guinea-Bissau for its presentation and we look forward to Guinea-Bissau now submitting its Article 5 Extension Request as soon as possible, so it can be considered ahead of 19MSP.
- We welcome that Guinea-Bissau is submitting an extension request to address potential mined areas under its jurisdiction or control, which were unknown when Guinea-Bissau declared completion previously.
- We welcome that Guinea-Bissau is requesting an interim extension to its deadline until 31 December 2022, in order to determine further information on the nature and extent of the contamination, and that it then plans to submit a follow-on extension request by March 2022, for approval at 20MSP.
- In providing information on the nature and extent of contamination, Guinea-Bissau must ensure that anti-personnel mine contamination (or mixed anti-personnel mine and other explosive ordnance contamination) is disaggregated from those areas only containing only explosive remnants of war (ERW).
- We encourage Guinea-Bissau to seek to establish sustainable national capacity, so that it is able to address potential additional residual mine or ERW contamination, that might be discovered in the future, post completion.
- Finally, Mine Action Review encourages Guinea-Bissau to provide information in its extension request on how it plans to mainstream gender and diversity within its mine action programme.