

**Tuesday 21 June**

**Agenda Item 5: Thematic Panel and Discussion: Making Every Effort Count: Towards a Successful 2025**

- Unfortunately, over the course of the Convention's history, we have witnessed an increase in repeated extensions, missed deadlines, delayed implementation and non-implementation of commitments.
- Article 5 extension requests should be considered an **exceptional** measure, and States should make every effort to complete their obligations under the Treaty in full and on time.
- As set out in the Oslo Action Plan Articles 23 and 24, extension requests should contain detailed, costed and multi-year work plans for the extension period and plans for context-specific mine risk education and reduction in affected communities.
- Providing such detail gives States Parties confidence that the extension request is realistic and implementable.
- The failure to implement clearance obligations under the Treaty and to regularly communicate progress has significant humanitarian and socio-economic impacts.
- In this regard, Ireland would like to urge any States yet to do so, to submit an Article 7 Report without further delay or draw upon the resources of the Implementation Support Unit and the guidance of the Article 5 committee to develop their request for extension.