Information of Ukraine concerning questions from the Committee on the Implementation of Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention

1. On Ukraine's request to extend the implementation of the Article **5** of the Ottawa Convention for **10** years.

Ukraine cannot agree with the Committee's proposal to reduce from 10 to 5 years duration of the implementation of the Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention, which was put forward in Ukraine's initial request to extend the implementation of the Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention for 10 years.

2. Information on the progress of clearance from explosive objects since Ukraine submitted its last request in 2018 for the extension of Article 5.

| Period | The number of engagements of pyrotechnic units | The number of neutralized EODs, pcs. | Area of cleared territory, hectares |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2019 | 11 891 | 67 415 | 6949 |
| 2020 | 14 166 | 73 375 | 4 939 |
| 2021 | 12 909 | 89 614 | 4 552 |
| 2022 | 41 226 | 315 068 | 78 180 |
| 2023 (as of 09.05.2023) | 13 159 | 45 791 | 7 425 |

3. On the assessment of Ukraine's territories, which are potentially contaminated by anti-personnel mines.

The State Emergency Service (SES) has no data regarding the coordinates of minefields on the territory of Ukraine, which were laid down by the ennemy.

4. On measures to inform the public about the risks associated with explosive objects.

Since the beginning of full-scale invasion of the russian federation on the territory of Ukraine (from February 24, 2022), the SES specialists have conducted about 16,787 informational and educational events with different age and gender

categories of the population, which encompasses more than 465,000 people, including 281,000 children and 184 thousand adult men and women.

5. Data on victims of mines and other explosive objects.

According to information from the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, the number of victims of explosive objects as a result of russia's aggression against Ukraine is: 237 people died, 533 people were injured.

6. Financial costs for the implementation of measures to destroy anti-personnel mines, the amount of necessary equipment and other technical resources.

The funding of activities related to the demining of territories of Ukraine by pyrotechnic units is carried out within the budget allocations of the State Emergency Service under Budget program 1006280 "Support activities of Civil Protection Forces", no separate funding of mine countermeasures is provided.

The need for equipment and vehicles for the SES pyrotechnic units (including in English) is posted on the Internet at the link: <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kpFtie871-</u> FjNdDR9kkZIqqvi3mcKEQEpuhucsVsNI/edit#gid=2105558982.



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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and with reference to the Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine Nº173/017 of 2 June 2023, has the honour to inform about the decision of the Ukrainian Side to replace the Annex to the above Note Verbale with the updated Annex attached to this Note Verbale.

In the updated Annex, the Ukrainian Side reconfirms its initial request to extend implementation of Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention for ten years.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

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