



NPA Statement on Agenda Item 7: Presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analyses of these requests - Peru
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Thank you President,

As this is the first time NPA is taking the floor, please allow me to extend our thanks to Cambodia's Presidency for its successful leadership of the Convention and its inclusive approach throughout the year. We would also like to thank the ISU and the Committee for their work and engagement in support of the Article 5 implementation.

NPA would like to make a brief comment on the Article 5 extension request submitted by Peru. NPA has had a programme in Peru since 2014, supporting the country with obligations under the Convention on Cluster Munition and arms management and destruction projects.

In 2023, NPA supported Peru in assessing their remaining anti-personnel landmine contamination along the border with Ecuador. The remaining minefields are located in challenging mountainous areas with little to no landmarks or features to assist in locating the minefields. Following the assessment, the Peruvian Mine Action Programme now has a complete overview of the extent of its contamination and will be able to achieve completion of its Article 5 obligations within this extension period.

NPA supports Peru's extension request and remains ready to play a role in supporting Peru towards completion through technical advisory support in form of planning and implementation of land release operations to increase its operational efficiency.

It is crucial for the success and implementation of the convention that States Parties with little contamination left, such as Peru, get the support needed to cross the finish line and fulfill their clearance obligations by the next Review Conference in 2029.

Thank you.