

**Decision on the request submitted by Afghanistan for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention**

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1. The Conference assessed the request submitted by Afghanistan for an extension of its deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5.1, agreeing unanimously to grant the request for an extension until 1 March 2030.
2. In granting the request, the Conference noted the socioeconomic impact of anti-personnel mines in Afghanistan and the importance of continued support by all stakeholders, including local and international actors to achieve the humanitarian aims of the Convention. The Conference further noted that progress in the implementation of Article 5 during the extension period has the potential of making a significant contribution to improving human safety and socioeconomic conditions in Afghanistan.
3. In granting the request, the Conference noted that consideration of Afghanistan's request by the Conference should not be construed as tacit or implicit recognition of any entity but seeks to address the interest of the States Parties in achieving the humanitarian aims of the Convention and the importance of delivering essential humanitarian support to mine affected communities.
4. In granting the request, the Conference noted that should Afghanistan not be in position complete implementation of Article 5 by 1 March 2030. Afghanistan would have to submit a request for extension by no later than 31 March 2029 for consideration by the Sixth Review Conference.