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The Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Presidency of the Fifth Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and has the honour to communicate to the latter the following:

Since the date of submission of Eritrea's last request for extension in 2023, Eritrea has continued working to address the process of restructuring the Eritrean Demining Authority (EDA), which impeded the implementation of Eritrea's commitment under Article 5, as highlighted in its 2023 request. The process of restructuring was launched to ensure the Authority is best placed to tackle the remaining challenge. As Eritrea indicated in 2023, the restructuring of the EDA and presented obstacles to the submission of the request containing detailed data on the progress made to date, as well as the presentation of a work plan for the period beyond Eritrea's deadline of 31 December 2024.

The Government of Eritrea, nonetheless, is committed to the Convention and implementation of the obligations under Article 5 as demonstrated by its participation and engagement during the 21st Meeting of State of Parties. Furthermore, with the aim of presenting a detailed work plan, the Government has been conducting preliminary assessments involving key policy and operational stakeholders. However, due to the time constraint and outstanding technical challenges, the envisaged extension request could not be submitted for consideration of the 5th Review Conference. While restructuring and transitioning of the EDA is being finalized, rigorous assessments will be conducted to enable Eritrea to prepare and submit a detailed work plan by 31st March 2027. To this end, Eritrea will continue engaging with the Presidency, Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation, and the ISU. Thus, Eritrea wishes to request that State Parties grant Eritrea an interim extension of three years until 31 December 2027.

The Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Presidency of the Fifth Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention the assurances of its highest esteem and consideration.



17 November 2024

H.E. Dr. Ly Tirnek, Senior Minister and
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Victim Assistance Authority (CIVIMA) and
President of the Fifth Review
Conference Anti-Personnel Mine Ban
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