

Decisions on the request submitted by Tajikistan for an extended deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention

1. The Meeting assessed the request submitted by Tajikistan for an extension of Tajikistan's deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5.1.
2. The Meeting noted that Tajikistan had acted prudently by providing information on the special and unforeseen circumstances that prevented it from submitting a request for extension in a timely manner in accordance with the extension request process established by the States Parties at the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties.
3. The Meeting noted that in order to function appropriately, the extension request process requires requests to be submitted no fewer than nine months ahead of the meeting during which they would be considered in order for an analysis of the request to be prepared and for a cooperative exchange between the requesting State and the Committee to take place. The Meeting noted that the late submission of the request by Tajikistan (16 October 2025) did not permit the Committee to carry out a cooperative dialogue with Tajikistan concerning its extension request and, therefore, to implement its mandate to provide States Parties with an analysis of the request.
4. In this context, the Meeting noted that Tajikistan and the Convention as a whole would benefit from a full extension request process taking place and agreed unanimously to grant Tajikistan a one year deadline until 31 December 2026. In addition, the Meeting requested that Tajikistan submit a detailed request to the Committee on Article 5 Implementation, in accordance with the established process, by 31 March 2026, in order for Tajikistan and the States Parties to benefit from a cooperative exchange on the request.