

**Decisions on the request submitted by Türkiye 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 Türkiye for an extended 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 31 December 2030.
2. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that Türkiye has made significant progress in implementing its commitments, as recorded in the decision of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties, primarily to carry non-technical survey of remaining mined areas and submit by 31 March 2025 a plan for completion of its Article 5 commitments.
3. In granting Türkiye's request, the Meeting noted, amongst other, that by requesting a five year extension, Türkiye was projecting that it would need an additional five years to carry out survey and clearance activities, continue mine risk education activities, and fulfil its obligations under Article 5. In recalling that through ongoing survey efforts, Türkiye will continue to acquire more information to better define its remaining contamination, the Meeting noted that the Convention would benefit from Türkiye submitting to the Committee on Article 5 Implementation, by 30 April 2028, an updated work plan for the remaining extension period.
4. The Meeting emphasised that this work plan should contain an updated list of all areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines, progress in implementation of new methodologies, annual projections of which areas would be dealt with by which organisations during the remaining period covered by the request, and a detailed updated budget. The Meeting further noted the importance of the updated work plan containing detailed, costed, and multi-year plans for context-specific mine risk education and reduction in affected communities.
5. Furthermore, in recalling that Türkiye indicated in its request that "in order to make subsequent decisions regarding the newly identified SHAs and to confirm the mine hazard with certainty, annual technical survey plans for SHAs have been prepared", the Meeting noted that the Convention would benefit from Türkiye providing annually, by 30 April, its technical survey plan for the current year.
6. The Meeting noted that progress under Article 5 during the extension period could significantly enhance human safety and socioeconomic conditions in Türkiye. In this regard, the Meeting noted the importance of Türkiye ensuring that the most relevant land release standards, policies and methodologies, in line with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), are in place and applied for the full and expedient implementation of this aspect of the Convention and the importance of Türkiye seeking improved land release and certification techniques, where appropriate, which could lead to Türkiye fulfilling its obligations in a shorter time frame.
7. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted that the plan presented by Türkiye is workable, lends itself well to be monitored, and states clearly which factors could affect the pace of implementation. The Meeting also noted that the plan is ambitious and that the success of the plan is contingent upon the findings of survey efforts, funding, and challenges posed by the meteorological and geographical conditions of the remaining mined areas. In this regard, the Meeting noted that the Convention would benefit from Türkiye reporting annually, by 30 April, to the States Parties on the following:

- a. progress made relative to the commitments contained in Türkiye's work plan with progress in survey and clearance presented in a manner consistent with IMAS and progress in accordance with the land release methodology employed (i.e., cancelled through non-technical survey, reduced through technical survey, or cleared through clearance) including information on the type of contamination located and destroyed;
  - b. impact of survey and clearance outcomes and how additional clarity obtained may change Türkiye's assessment of the remaining implementation challenge and timeframe for implementation, including adjusted annual milestones with information on the number of areas and amount of mined area to be addressed annually and how priorities have been established;
  - c. the remaining challenge in a manner consistent with IMAS, ensuring disaggregation by SHAs, and CHAs and their relative size, including by disaggregating between the types of contamination to ensure increased clarity on the remaining challenges;
  - d. implementation of EORE efforts in affected communities, including information on how priorities were established, methodologies used, challenges faced, and results achieved and include information disaggregated by gender, age, disability, and other diverse needs and experiences of affected communities;
  - e. efforts to ensure that NMAS are continuously reviewed to ensure their alignment with the latest IMAS;
  - f. the humanitarian, social, economic, and environmental implications of contamination, including information on casualties disaggregated by gender and age;
  - g. efforts to ensure consideration for the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys, and men and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities, as well as climate and environmental considerations in the implementation of the Convention;
  - h. resource mobilisation efforts and external financing received, as well as resources made available by the government of Türkiye to support implementation efforts; and
  - i. efforts to strengthen national level coordination, including by ensuring regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders, including donors, on progress and challenges in implementation and requirements for assistance including through the establishment of a National Mine Action Platform, where possible.
8. The Meeting noted the importance, in addition to Türkiye reporting to the States Parties as noted above, of keeping the States Parties regularly apprised of other pertinent developments regarding its implementation of Article 5 during the period covered by the request and other commitments made in the request at intersessional meetings, Meeting of the States Parties and Review Conferences as well as through Article 7 reports using the Guide for Reporting.