

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings

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Statement on Cambodia Article 5 Extension Request

Thank you, Chair.

HALO commends the Kingdom of Cambodia for its enduring commitment to mine action and for the detailed extension request presented. The progress Cambodia has achieved to date is significant, and the request outlines a clear framework for completing its Article 5 obligations.

Given the scale and evolving nature of Cambodia's contamination, we believe continued dialogue on a few key areas could further strengthen implementation. These include how newly identified contamination will be integrated into planning, how funding needs will be met sustainably, and how Cambodia's experience might support broader regional cooperation and sharing of best practice.

We welcome the ongoing engagement with CMAA and partners on these issues, including post-2030 national capacity, opportunities to align with development and environmental priorities, and ensuring inclusive approaches that reflect the diversity of affected communities.

HALO supports Cambodia's extension request, and we look forward to the update in August. We also look forward to continuing the close collaboration, which dates back to the early 1990s, to help achieve a mine-free Cambodia.

Thank you.