



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings

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Statement on Colombia Article 5 Extension Request

Thank you, Chair.

The proposed strategy reflects both progress and pragmatism. Colombia continues to face some of the most complex operational conditions in the world, and we recognise the effort made to present an honest assessment of contamination, capacity, and risk. We welcome the decision to pursue an intermediate planning model. It is a sound approach considering security dynamics, funding uncertainty, and ongoing re-contamination.

HALO appreciates the realism underpinning Colombia's extension request, particularly the thoughtful articulation of uncertainty, risk, and operational complexity. As the strategy evolves, continued dialogue on areas such as resource planning, access in re-contaminated areas, and differentiated community impacts can help reinforce shared efforts. We welcome the opportunity to engage further on these topics in support of effective and inclusive implementation.

HALO supports Colombia's extension request and remains a committed partner in helping deliver safe land and lasting impact for affected communities.

Thank you.