



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings

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Statement on Zimbabwe Article 5 Extension Request

Thank you, Chair.

We recognise the significant progress made during the last extension period, including the release of over 55 million square metres of land. It is a major achievement made possible through the combined efforts of national authorities and clearance operators. Zimbabwe's remaining contamination is now well-understood, and the proposed plan is based on accurate, field-validated data.

HALO supports the five-year timeframe set out in the request. Given the reduction in funding and capacity across the sector, a shorter period would not be realistic. At the same time, the proposed timeline offers a great opportunity for new and existing donors to support a focused and achievable “last push” towards a landmine-impact-free Zimbabwe.

We commend ZIMAC for its coordination and leadership, and for fostering an enabling environment for mine action across the country. The sector benefits from strong communication, a structured national platform, and a clear commitment to national standards.

We also note the integration of gender and diversity within Zimbabwe's mine action strategy, including the use of age- and gender-sensitive risk education and inclusive employment standards across the sector.



HALO fully supports Zimbabwe's extension request and remains committed to working alongside ZIMAC and national and international partners to help bring mine clearance to a successful conclusion.

Thank you.