

Dear madam President, colleagues, partners and participants of the 22nd Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention!

Tajikistan is committed to fulfilling its obligations under Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention and is complying with all procedures and processes for submitting documents. First, let me express my gratitude to the United Nations, other partners, and organizers for organizing this important event.

I would like to apologize for the delay in submitting the document on the third extension request. This delay was caused by the implementation of a new standard for the review and approval of international documents. The Governmental Institution “Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre” expresses its compliments to the Committee of the Convention and thanks for extending the deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention. Main milestones and achievements of the Extension request document for the period of the second Request 2019-2024, and Operational Work Plan for the period of requested by Tajikistan period 2026-2032. The Third Extension Request Document of Tajikistan is officially reviewed and approved by the President and Government of Tajikistan on 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 and was officially sent via MFA and Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the Committee of the Convention. It was agreed between the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan and the Committee of the Convention, that currently submitted the Third Extension Request Document is considered as the fact that Tajikistan had officially submitted the Third Extension Request and in terms of fulfilling the full extension request process, until 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026, Tajikistan National Mine Action Center will provide Annex to the Third Extension Request Document by including additional information of main milestones of Land release for 2025 and the additional information based on requests from the civil society and the Committee of the Convention. This annex of updates will also be sent officially via MFA of Tajikistan and Permanent Mission of Tajikistan in Geneva in UN. TNMAC fully understands that cooperative dialogue for conducting an analysis of the request to be prepared and for a cooperative exchange between the requesting State and the Committee needs time no fewer than nine months and thanks the Committee for giving such opportunity for Tajikistan.

Tajikistan stays fully committed to fulfilling its obligations according the Article 5 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their destruction.

Thanks to the support of the Committee of the Convention, international donor community and the Government of Tajikistan, Tajikistan is successfully conducting humanitarian demining and Mine Action activities in Tajikistan and from 23 landmine and UXO contaminated districts 10 districts announced Mine Free districts, TNMAC has developed in the submitted the Third Extension Request Document detailed operational plan for Land Release of the remaining challenge of the landmine contaminated areas measuring 5,646,571 square meters for the period of 2026-2032. Tajikistan has achieved significant results in releasing the landmine contaminated lands measuring 8,864,226 square meters for the period of 2019 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in identifying and destroying 26,319 landmines and UXOs, by increasing the operational efficiency.

By the support of the Committee of the Convention, international donor community and the Government of Tajikistan, Tajikistan approaches closer to the target of the Convention on Declaring Tajikistan Mine Free by the end of 2032.

TNMAC would like to express its gratitude and thanks to the Committee of the Convention one more time.

Thank you for your support and attention