

**Statement by
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Agenda Item 12: Consideration on Requests submitted under Article 5
Decision on the requests for extended mine clearance deadlines submitted by Cambodia
at the 22nd Meeting of States Parties (22MSP)
Mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation
on 3 December 2025 Geneva, Switzerland**

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Madame President,

While joining the meeting of States Parties in adopting the Decision on the Extension Request of Cambodia, Thailand wishes to put on record as follows:

We regret that decision on **the Extension Request of Cambodia does not reflect the efforts and commitments made within the bilateral and regional frameworks**, which both Thailand and Cambodia have agreed upon. These include the role of the General Border Committee in advancing humanitarian demining, and the Joint Coordinating Task Force in identifying priority areas for joint humanitarian demining operations.

In particular, the **Task Force is indicated in Paragraph 31 of the Analysis of the Committee**, and is **recognized in page 9 and 27 of the Extension Request of the Cambodia**.

Furthermore, we notice that the language on “**the involvement of a credible third party** whose presence and facilitation would help build trust, enhance transparency, and ensure the success of clearance operations along the border”, stipulated **in paragraph 31 of the analysis** of the Committee, has not been reflected in the Decision.

In our views, these are crucial as they not only provide concrete, transparent and credible ways forward, but also underline the spirit of cooperation enshrined in the Convention.

Given the complex and challenging task ahead, we cannot work in silo. The mine action community needs to promote **complementarity between efforts undertaken at bilateral, regional and international levels** to achieve our shared goals of a mine free world.

I thank you.