

Decisions on the Request Submitted by Mauritania for an Extension of the Deadline for Completing the Destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines in Accordance with Article 5 of the Convention

- i. The Meeting assessed the request submitted by Mauritania for an extension of Mauritania's deadline for completing the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas in accordance with article 5.1, agreeing to grant the request for an extension until 1 January 2016.
- ii. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that, while progress in implementing article 5 was limited until 2006, Mauritania's efforts had improved considerably after that time with the establishment of Mauritania's National Humanitarian Demining Programme Development.
- iii. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted that the plan presented by Mauritania is workable and ambitious, but subject to the acquisition of equipment and the receipt of funds at levels that greatly exceed recent experience. In this context, the Meeting noted that given the importance of external support to ensure implementation, Mauritania's resource mobilization efforts could benefit from communicating in more detail its cost projections for acquisition of transport and mine clearance equipment and for land release.
- iv. In granting the request, the Meeting noted that the plan presented by Mauritania provides for the use of the full range of technical and non-technical means to release suspected hazardous areas in keeping with the recommendations adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties. In this context, the Meeting requested Mauritania to continue to report on its progress in a manner consistent with commitments the States Parties had made through the adoption of the Cartagena Action Plan by providing information disaggregated by release through clearance, technical survey and non-technical survey.
- v. Also in granting the request, the Meeting noted that the accounting of annual milestones of progress to be achieved, which Mauritania provided in its request, would greatly assist both Mauritania and all States Parties in assessing progress during the extension period. In this regard, the Meeting requested Mauritania, in accordance with Action 13 of the Cartagena Action Plan, to provide updates relative to these and other commitments at meetings of the Standing Committees, at Meetings of the States Parties and at the Third Review Conference.