

## **PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 5 BY MAURITANIA**

### **I. Progress in implementation**

1. The Committee welcomed Mauritania employing the Guide to Reporting adopted by the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties (14MSP) in reporting on progress in implementation.
2. Mauritania reported that in 2017 it cleared the entire area of Sebkhata Fogra, in the District of Ain Bintilli, destroying 93 anti-personnel mines and 35 anti-tank mines.

### **II. Clarity regarding remaining challenge**

3. Mauritania reported that it had no mined areas under its jurisdiction or control.
4. The Committee notes Mauritania's report that it had addressed all mined areas. In this regard the Committee welcomes the submission by Mauritania of a declaration of completion in accordance with the process established at the 7MSP.

### **III. National plans for clearance and survey**

5. Mauritania reported that at the end of 2016 and beginning of 2017, surveys of the suspected areas were carried out and confirmed that all suspected areas were located within Mauritania's territory. Mauritania reported that these areas have now been cleared.