

ICRC Statement
Updates by States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5
since the 11MSP

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education
and Mine Action Technologies
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The International Committee of the Red Cross would like to extend its congratulations to **Guinea Bissau** for having completed clearance of all known or suspected mined areas. We note that the clearance efforts in Guinea Bissau have not only freed it of anti-personnel mines but also of 182,000 other explosive hazards, which also placed the population at risk. We look forward to Guinea Bissau's formal declaration of completion at the 12th Meeting of States Parties in December.

The ICRC would also like to add its voice to all those both here and at the ceremony in Jordan on 24 April who have welcomed **Jordan**'s announcement that it has finished the clearance of all known mined areas. We look forward to Jordan's formal Declaration of Completion at the 11MSP, after completion of the verification process to confirm that it also has no suspected mined areas. In this regard, we take note of Prince Mired's statement on 24 April, and repeated here today, that the verification exercise is designed "to ensure that the specified requirements of the Convention have been fulfilled."