

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

Calendar of key dates in the process of requesting extensions under Article 5 of the Convention



'ending the suffering caused
by anti-personnel mines'
ap mine ban convention

Background:

- The Convention states that “if a State Party believes that it will be unable to destroy or ensure the destruction of anti-personnel mines (in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control) within (ten years after the entry into force of the Convention for that State Party), it may submit a request to a Meeting for the States Parties or a Review Conference for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of such anti-personnel mines, for a period of up to 10 years.”
- Logically, a State Party’s request should be considered at the Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conference prior to that State Party’s deadline.
- In addition, at the September 2006 Seventh Meeting of the States Parties, it was agreed “to encourage States Parties seeking Article 5 extensions to submit their request to the President no fewer than nine months before the Meeting of the States Parties or Review Conference at which the decision on the request would need to be made.”
- As of September 2006, 45 States Parties had indicated that they were in the process of fulfilling Article 5 obligations. Many of these may need to submit a request for an extension.
- Given that the Convention entered into force for different States at different times it may be confusing for States Parties regarding when they should submit a request for an extension and when such a request would be considered.
- To assist States Parties which may need to submit a request for an extension, the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies have prepared the following calendar.

2008

March 2008

If necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties in 2008).¹

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| ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina | ▪ Malawi | ▪ Thailand |
| ▪ Chad | ▪ Mozambique | ▪ Uganda |
| ▪ Croatia | ▪ Nicaragua | ▪ United Kingdom |
| ▪ Denmark | ▪ Niger | ▪ Venezuela |
| ▪ Ecuador | ▪ Peru | ▪ Yemen |
| ▪ France | ▪ Senegal | ▪ Zimbabwe |
| ▪ Jordan | ▪ Swaziland | |

September 2008

In addition, if necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties in 2008).²

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| ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina | ▪ Malawi | ▪ Thailand |
| ▪ Chad | ▪ Mozambique | ▪ Uganda |
| ▪ Croatia | ▪ Nicaragua | ▪ United Kingdom |
| ▪ Denmark | ▪ Niger | ▪ Venezuela |
| ▪ Ecuador | ▪ Peru | ▪ Yemen |
| ▪ France | ▪ Senegal | ▪ Zimbabwe |
| ▪ Jordan | ▪ Swaziland | |

¹ Past practice has seen Meetings of the States Parties take place as early as mid-September or as late as November / December. The Eighth Meeting of the States Parties will need to take a decision on the dates of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties.

² See note 1.

2009

March 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Denmark
- France
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Peru
- Senegal
- United Kingdom
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe

March 2009

In addition, if necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to the Second Review Conference in 2009):³

- Albania
- Argentina
- Cambodia
- Rwanda
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia

May 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Jordan
- Nicaragua
- Thailand

June 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Swaziland

August 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Uganda

September 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Niger

October 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Ecuador
- Venezuela

November 1, 2009

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Chad

December 2009

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at the Second Review Conference in 2009):⁴

- Albania
- Argentina
- Cambodia
- Rwanda
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia

³ Past practice has seen a Review Conference take place in November / December. The Ninth Meeting of the States Parties will need to take a decision on the dates of the Second Review Conference.

⁴ See note 3.

2010

January 1, 2010

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Cambodia
- Tunisia

March 1, 2010

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Argentina

March 2010

In addition, if necessary each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Tenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2010):⁵

- Colombia
- Guinea Bissau
- Zambia
- Congo, Republic of
- Mauritania

April 1, 2010

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Tajikistan

August 1, 2010

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Albania

December 1, 2010

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Rwanda

December 2010

In addition, if necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Tenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2010):⁶

- Colombia
- Guinea Bissau
- Zambia
- Congo, Republic of
- Mauritania

⁵ In accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, the Second Review Conference will need to take a decision on “the need for and the interval between further Meetings of the States Parties.”

⁶ See note 5.

2011

January 1, 2011

Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Mauritania

March 1, 2011

Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Colombia

March 2011

In addition, if necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to an Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties in 2011):⁷

- Algeria
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eritrea
- Chile

August 1, 2011

Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Zambia

November 1, 2011

Deadline to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Congo, Republic of
- Guinea Bissau

December 2011

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at an Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties in 2011):⁸

- Algeria
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eritrea
- Chile

⁷ See note 5.

⁸ See note 5.

2012

February 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Eritrea

March 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Chile

March 2012

In addition, if necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties in 2012):⁹

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Cyprus

April 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Algeria

November 1, 2012

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo

December 2012

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties in 2012):¹⁰

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Cyprus

⁹ See note 5.

¹⁰ See note 5.

2013

January 1, 2013

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Angola

March 1, 2013

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Afghanistan

March 2013

If necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2013):¹¹

- Burundi
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Greece
- Sudan

July 1, 2013

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Cyprus

December 2013

If necessary, each of the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2013):¹²

- Burundi
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Greece
- Sudan

2014

March 1, 2014

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Greece
- Serbia
- Turkey

March 2014

If necessary, the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Third Review Conference or Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2014):¹³

- Ethiopia

April 1, 2014

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Burundi
- Sudan

December 2014

If necessary, the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Third Review Conference or Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties in 2014):¹⁴

- Ethiopia

¹¹ See note 5.

¹² See note 5.

¹³ See note 5.

¹⁴ Should a Review Conference be held in 2013, in accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, the Second Review Conference will need to take a decision on “the need for and the interval between further Meetings of the States Parties.”

2015

March 2015

If necessary, each of the following is encouraged to submit its extension request (i.e., nine months prior to a Meeting of the States Parties in 2015):¹⁵

- Vanuatu

June 1, 2015

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Ethiopia

December 2015

If necessary, the following would have its extension request considered (i.e., at a Meeting of the States Parties in 2015):¹⁶

- Vanuatu

2016

March 1, 2016

Deadline for destroying or ensuring the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas:

- Vanuatu

¹⁵ See note 14.

¹⁶ See note 14.

