



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES THAT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FULFILLING ARTICLE 5 OBLIGATIONS AND THAT HAVE SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION ON THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO BE FORMALLY CONSIDERED AT THE NINTH MEETINGS OF THE STATES PARTIES

**Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies
June 4-5, 2008**

The *Nairobi Action Plan* refers to the Intersessional Work Programme as being a mechanism to be used to “monitor and actively promote the achievement of mine clearance goals and the identification of assistance needs.” To maximize the opportunity presented by this mechanism in 2008, the Co-Chairs invite the States Parties that have submitted a request for extension of its Article 5 obligations to prepare 6-8 minute updates to be provided at the 4-5 June meeting of the Standing Committee.¹

Questions:

1. *What progress has been made in the implementation of your State’s national demining programme since the last time that an update was provided to the Standing Committee and what changes, if any, have been made to effectively address your mine clearance obligations?*
2. *What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State’s jurisdiction or control?*
3. *What are the circumstances that impede the ability of your State to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State’s jurisdiction or control within the requested extension period?*
4. *What is the amount of time requested and what is the rationale for this request?*
5. *What is your State’s plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under your State’s jurisdiction or control?*
6. *What new methodologies, if any, are being explored or have been employed in your State’s effort to fulfill its Article 5 obligations during the requested extension period?*
7. *What financial and technical means has your State dedicated to ensuring the fulfillment of your State’s Article 5 obligations and what financial and technical means will your State dedicate for this purpose?*
8. *What major structural, technical or practical changes, if any, has your State planned for the period of the extension to ensure that your State will meet its Article 5 obligations in the requested time frame?*
9. *If mine action in your country is still conducted or partially managed by foreign organizations and / or international organizations, what are the steps that your State has taken to develop its national capacity?*
10. *What, if any, are your priorities for external assistance to support your State’s fulfillment of its Article 5 obligations up to and during the extension period requested by your State?*

¹ Given that many States Parties have already provided comprehensive background presentations on the situations in their countries, we would request that only new information be provided to the Standing Committee.