



**FULFILMENT OF ARTICLE 5
OBLIGATIONS AND OUR REQUEST
FOR AN EXTENSION ON THE
OBLIGATION TO BE FORMALLY
CONSIDERED AT THE NINTH MEETING
OF THE STATE PARTIES**



Q1. What progress has been made in the implementation of your State's national demining programmes since the last time an update was provided to the Standing Committee and what changes, if any, have been made to effectively address your mine action?

- Initial contaminated area 1 119.9KM2
- Cleared area to date 306.6KM2
- Area still to be cleared 813.3KM2

•(Based on 1994 technical surveys)



Q2. 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?

•813.3KM2 still to be cleared

- Musengezi to Rwenya 435,5km2.
- Sheba Forest to Beacon Hill 65km2
- Rusitu to Muzite Mission 97km2
- Burma Valley 3,9Km2



- Sango Border Post to Crooks Corner 182km².
- Rushinga, Mukumbura and Lisilu not yet surveyed but estimated to be 29.4km².



The Total area

813.3km²



Q3. What are the circumstances that impedes 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 request extension period?

Lack of financial and material resources because of illegal economic sanctions.

Outdated technical know-how due to lack of international exposure.

Lack of appropriate managerial capacity.



Q4. What is the amount of time requested and what is the rationale for this request?

- Time requested 7 years 2009 to 2016.
- Currently operating with 20% to 30% of available capacity owing to the effects of the illegal sanctions.
- Government left to deal with this humanitarian problem alone without adequate international support.



Q5. What is your State's plan to destroy or to ensure the destruction of all ant-personnel mines in mined area under your State's jurisdiction or control?

- Strategically we have three pronged approach after re-equipping and increase the number of de-miners subject to the availability of international support.
 - Continue with current operations simultaneously carrying out technical surveys.
 - Add another squadron of de-miners.
 - Contract commercial de-miners



Q6. 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 request extension period?

Continue with de – mining operations.

Without support it could take up to 2039.



Q7. What financial and technical means have 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?

A squadron of de – miners.





Q8. 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?

- Current structure adequate.
- These include:
 - Environment & Tourism
 - Local Government Public Works and Urban Development
 - Finance



Q8. 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?

- Labour Social and Welfare
- Home Affairs
- UNDP Representative
- Defence



Q9. If Mine Action in your country is still conducted or partially managed by foreign organisations and / or International organisations, what are the steps that your State has taken to develop its national capacity?

- The Mine Action aspect still getting international organisation assistance in Zimbabwe is MRE, which we are very grateful for.
- If the economic sanctions are removed, Zimbabwe should be able to do most of the activities currently funded.



Q10. 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 of request by your State?

• Zimbabwe priorities for external assistance are:

- Equipment and training.
- Technical survey.
- Contracting commercial de – miners.
- Establishing another not for profit de-mining squadron.

