

Presentation of the analysis of Cyprus's extension request

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The analysing group was grateful for the effort made by Cyprus in preparing its request and for engaging with us in a cooperative manner.

We had very few remarks with respect to Cyprus' request.

We commended Cyprus for having acted promptly after entry into force to plan for and begin implementing Article 5.

We remarked that it may be premature for Cyprus to assume that the task of destroying all emplaced anti-personnel mines that Cyprus has expressed are in mined areas outside of its effective control would require "considerable amount of time" given Cyprus' own acknowledgement that the extent of contamination is not known.

We concluded in a manner consistent with precedent when analysing a request that relates to a State Party expressing that its remaining challenge concerns mined areas that the requesting State Party has indicated are outside of its effective control.

That is, we concluded in noting the necessity and importance of each State Party, which has reported mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, AP mines under its jurisdiction or control and which believes that it will be unable to implement Article 5.1 with respect to all such areas within a ten year period, submitting a request for an extension in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Convention and the decisions of the 7MSP.

We further concluded by noting the importance of a State Party providing information on changes to the status of the control of mined areas when such a State Party has indicated that matters related to control affect the implementation of Article 5 during extension periods