

## **Extension requests:**

### **Mozambique:**

- Commend Mozambique for the comprehensive and complete plans contained in the extension request, and for the constant progress that Mozambique has made since its initial extension request.
- The request is ambitious, as Mozambique only asks for a 10 month extension. With the determination and commitment Mozambique has shown in the recent years, we are confident that Mozambique will do it outmost to fulfil this task. Thank you.

### **Turkey:**

- We note and concur with the analysing group's observation that "between entry into force and 2007, no humanitarian demining work had been undertaken and that since that time little progress had been made...and that no mined areas located around military installations in Turkey had been cleared since entry into force."
- We strongly encourage Turkey to comply with its obligations under the Convention, and clear mined areas as soon as possible. We are concerned that minefields around military installations continue to be in place, so long after entry into force. We are worried about Turkey's statement on clearance of border areas and urge Turkey not to delay mine clearance here. Thank you, Mr. President.

### **Sudan:**

- We recognise that the security situation in Sudan is challenging, and represents a possible impediment to the conduct of survey and clearance activities in parts of the country.
- We note the analysing group's observation that considerable progress has been made by Sudan since entry into force in implementing Article 5 of the Convention, and otherwise addressing explosive hazards.
- We recommend that Sudan consider ways and means to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of demining, so as to complete implementation in a shorter time frame than requested.
- We also take note of Sudan's comment on the investigation on the alleged mine use and the difficulties in doing this due to the security situation. We urge Sudan to come back to the State Parties with updated information as soon as possible.

**Serbia:**

- We note the observation of the analysing group that demining and clearance operations in Serbia historically have been funded mostly by international partners, and that implementation could proceed much faster if Serbia was able to cover parts of the costs themselves.
- As a principle, Norway considers that States Parties should commit national resources to implement Article 5, both as a practical expression of national ambition and ownership, and to ensure compliance in a timely manner.
- Norway would also underline that it would have been positive if Serbia's plan for the extension period did reflect the need of urgent action given the immediate impact the mined areas have on local communities. Thank you, Mr. President.

**Niger:**

- We commend Niger for communicating in 2012 the discovery of areas under its jurisdiction or control that are known and suspected to contain anti-personnel mines, after having declared in 2008 that no such areas were suspected in the country.
- We note that no general or technical survey has taken place, and strongly recommend that such surveys be conducted before clearance operations are initiated.
- We also note that the request indicates that work will not begin before 2014. Knowing that the mined areas were discovered in 2012, we believe that survey and clearance should have begun faster. Thank you, Mr. President.

**Chad:**

- We agree with the analysing group that Chad should submit, at the earliest time possible, a clear and detailed national survey and clearance plan.
- We commend Chad for acknowledging and communicating frankly that mismanagement of financial and human resources has been a problem, and that Chad is taking steps to overcome this situation. Thank you, Mr. President.