



REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA
COMISSÃO NACIONAL INTERSECTORIAL DE DESMINAGEM E
ASSISTENCIA HUMANITÁRIA

**STATEMENT AT THE 16th MEETING OF STATE PARTIES OF LANDMINE BAN
CONVENTION**

Thank you

Mr Co Chair and all Participants,

Angola joins to the others 162 States Parties and all partners in commemorates the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Mine Ban Convention with tremendous achievements and also remember the 20th anniversary of Princess Diana's historic visit to Angola.

Mr. Co Chair

In regard its Extension Request, Angola has no much to say at this stage,.

Adjustments to the document and proceedings will be made in accordance with the recommendations stated, while implementation goes along.

We highlight there are currently **1465** affected areas have been identified, of which have to be addressed during the period of 2018-2025, corresponding a total of **221.409.679 m²**.

The current plan was designed for a period of eight years (until 1 January 2026), to eliminate those identified affected areas throughout the country.

The plan was designed also in such way, to mobilize resources either internally or externally for its implementation.

Regarding funding, while there are some commitments from major donors. However at the moment, there are none secured for the post-2018 period up to date.

This plan of activities contained in this Extension Request will only be fully realized if the capacity and resources of operators are increased to cover the planned tasks.

The financial uncertainty, the need by international partner organization to decrease their teams, at times ceasing operations, makes it increasingly difficult for the programme to plan specific milestones of progress to be accomplished over the coming years.

For this reason, while the Government of Angola aims to increase its own resources to address the remaining contamination, we call upon the international community to join us to see that Angola can fulfil its international obligations and bring safety and security to our mine affected communities as soon as possible and, if possible, by no later than 2025.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank for the support that has been provided to us by our partners and/or donors, namely:

- The Implementation Evaluation Committee of the Convention
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- Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, for the support provided to CNIDAH's central database
- US State Department
- Japan
- United Kingdom
- The European Union in general and the governments of Switzerland and Netherlands.
- Norwegian
- United Kingdom

A special thanks also goes to all anonymous entities who have been supporting the Angolan Mine Action Programme, please accept our sincere thanks!

Together for Mine-free world by 2025

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