

NEW ZEALAND

Article V Intervention

- NZ was also a member of the Analyzing Group which performed its work under the mandate which was given to the Group by all States Parties in 2005

- would like to thank Prince Mined for his tireless work & dedication

The Analyzing Group was very aware that
- Each State ^{requesting an extension} has ^{set of} unique circumstances & I would like to thank the requesting States for their close collaboration with the Analyzing Group - a process which ^{is} not always comfortable.

- Would particularly like to thank those States which revised and amended their requests in line with feedback received from the A.G

I would note that three of the requesting States which have not ^{currently} in a position to present a detailed ~~and meaningful~~ ^{forward-looking} plan ^{for the way} have decided to present interim requests so that they ^{can} compile the necessary information to submit a meaningful extension request for completion of Art 5 obligations for States Parties to approve.

Thank them for their flexibility in adopting this practical approach.

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As Canada noted yesterday, we certainly had moments of spirited discussion as we conducted our work this year.

However, we were all ultimately guided by ^{sound} ~~the~~ common principles that the credibility of the Convention should be upheld, and that we needed to establish a robust set of procedures for the consideration of any further requests in the future, in line with the obligation ^{that all States Parties be} to complete ^{under} clearance of mined areas as soon as possible.

We need to keep both of these factors in mind as we proceed with the ^{final} ~~next~~ phases of the extension examination process ~~over~~ this week.