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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, and has the honor, in line with decisions reached at the 19MSP on the former's mine clearance extension request, to forward herewith, Nigeria's Workplan for Implementation of Article 5 of the Convention for a five-year period.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention the assurances of its highest consideration. 

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NIGERIA'S MINE ACTION WORK PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 5 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

INTRODUCTION

Following its request for extension, Nigeria was granted a Five (5) year extension period 2021-2025 during the 19th Meeting of States Parties (19MSP) in The Hague, The Netherland. In granting the request, the 19MSP requested amongst other things the following:

- a. The Convention would benefit from Nigeria submitting to the Article 5 Implementation Committee by 30 April 2023 an updated detailed work plan for the remaining period covered by the extension period;
- b. Nigeria to submit on the 30th April of each year its Article 7 Transparency Report;
- c. Nigeria to provide an update on the establishment of Nigeria Mine Action Centre.

2. As required by the APMBC, this document contain a detailed revised work plan for the period 2021-2025. It include an updated list of all areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines, annual projections of areas that would be dealt with each year during the remaining period covered by the extension period and by which organisations and a detailed budget.

3. The document also provides an update of concrete steps taken by Nigeria in line with the recommendations of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation. Nigeria continues to commit to full implementation of her Article 5 obligations albeit some challenges. The remaining contaminated land as at the 19MSP.

PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE 19MSP

A. Non-Technical Survey

4. Following the granting of the extension period, Nigeria through the Inter-Ministerial Committee continue to engage national and international mine action stakeholders on the best way to operationalize mine action activities in Nigeria through the Security Agencies, UN Agencies, International Technical Partners and Community Based Organizations. we succeeded in generating some data about suspected mined areas.

5. In the year 2022, UNMAS has trained 60 people on the non-technical survey methodology. They included community leaders, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders.

Nigeria is still having mine contamination area in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States. The attached map indicates the areas of contamination.

B. CAPACITY BUILDING

6. Nigeria, through the Inter-Ministerial Committee on APMBC is committed to establishing a National Mine Action Centre (NMAC). Establishment of national mine action center require capacity; Thus, the Committee will benefit from supports from UN and Other international organizations playing a role in mine action activities in Nigeria.

7. The increased capacities by the international operators is a big boost on Nigeria's Article 5 Implementation. This increased capacity compounded by the data generated from the 19MSP to 31st December, 2022 is encouraging and gives high hopes that the 2025 deadline for updated report on milestone is achievable.

C. PILOT PROJECTS

8. In 2023, Nigeria intend to strategies and intensify data generation in non-accessible areas through the non-technical survey mechanism to enable it make necessary plan for technical survey exercise. A pilot projects is expected to

commence in collaboration with UNMAS, MAG and HALO respectively. Methodologies are expected to be approved by Government.

D. MINE RISK EDUCATION (MRE)

9. The Inter-Ministerial Committee has coopted regulatory bodies in education to facilitate building educational curriculum to Nigerian institution of learning, this may include both primary and secondary education, non-formal education, mass and nomadic education. Already, the Committee has some strategy meeting MRE with UNMAS, UNICEF and other community-based organizations in Borno and Yobe States.

E. LOCATION OF NMAC

10. The Government has approved the location of NMAC in Maiduguri, Borno State at present. Reason been that Borno State house most of the contaminated mine areas, However, Office accommodation for NMAC is likely to be secured soon. Furthermore, the Government intend to announce the Coordinator of NMAC to concentrate on Mine Action activities only.

F. NATIONAL MINE ACTION STRATEGY PLAN (NMAS)

11. In February 2023, Nigeria drafted its National Mine Action Strategy, which presents the overall vision, mission, goals and objectives of Nigeria's mine action programme for period 2023-2027. The Strategy's tie-line is beyond the Nigeria's Article 5 Extension. The Committee is meeting with the stakeholders to discuss the draft for their inputs and looking forward to finalizing it into the acceptable document.

G. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEARS 2022 TO 2025.

S/No	Activity	Achievement/Progress	Remarks
1	Establishment and staffing of the National Mine Action Center	Approved	On the process of renting the office
2	Mine Risk Education	On the progress	Working with institution of learning and

			technical partners on that
3	Development of National Mine Action Strategy	Drafted	Waiting for the stakeholders' input
4	Advocacy and Support to victims/survivors of EO accidents and Persons with Disabilities.	Visited	Working on the data in partnership with security and other stakeholders
5	Resource Mobilization	Reaching out	Working with MAG, ICRC UNMAS and other partners to organize meeting

H. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION PLAN

12. Nigeria intends to reach out to its international partner to raise funds to facilitate Mine Action activities. This includes collaboration and partnership with donor agencies and bilateral organizations. Nigeria needs 1,000,000USD annually, to facilitate Mine Action activities in Nigeria.

13. According to Data received from UNMAS and other partners, there were a approximated 16000 of EO casualties in 2021/ 2022 (killed and injured). A total of 168 persons were killed by EO in 2022 (61 civilians, 89 non state forces, 18 CJTF). A total of 304 persons were injured by EO in 2022 (118 civilians, 166 non state forces, 20 CJTF)

There are also EO casualties from the government forces and inaccessible communities, but exact number is unknown. The casualty data is not disaggregated by age or sex.

Consequently, given the above Nigeria needs 1,000,000 annually, to facilitate Mine Action activities in Nigeria, This will includes the following;

- 1- Furnished Mine Action Center offices in Maiduguri and Abuja for better working environment;
- 2- Buy mobilities for logistics and easy movement;
- 3- Training and retraining of members of the contaminated communities around the North East on Non-Technical Survey;
- 4- Facilitate MRE through curriculum development for the benefit of community schools;
- 5- Sponsor mass awareness for members of the communities;
- 6- Conduct Psychosocial training for the traumatized members of the communities;
- 7- Support victims of mines through replacement of the destroyed limbs, livelihood support etc;
- 8- Develop and operationalize mine action standard for Nigeria;
- 9- Facilitate gender related engagement.

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