



*Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus  
Geneva*

*Ambassador  
Permanent Representative*

8 March 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to address this letter to you in your capacity as Chair of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention's Committee on Article 5 Implementation, in order to formally submit - in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 5 paragraph 3 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction – a request on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus for a further 3-year extension, until 1 July 2028, of the deadline to fulfill the obligation emanating from Article 5 paragraph 1, namely to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control.

As I am sure you are aware, the circumstances that made necessary the initial as well as the subsequent request for an extension – namely, the fact that areas of Cyprus's sovereign territory are occupied by Türkiye and are therefore de facto outside the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus as a result of the continued occupation – remain unfortunately unchanged to date.

As these occupied areas have been, since the time when the initial request for an extension was submitted, the only ones in the jurisdiction of the Republic of Cyprus that remain emplaced with anti-personnel mines or are suspected, I would kindly refer you to all relevant documentation appended to the initial request for an extension of the deadline with regard to the requirements of Art. 5.4, as information contained therein remains valid in its entirety. This initial request, which was submitted in April 2012, is available to all delegations on the Convention's website.

I thank you in advance and I take this opportunity to convey to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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