Canadian Comments on Extension Requests

Argentina (10 Years)

Canada had no comments with regard to this request.

Cambodia (10 Years)

Canada can support Cambodia's request for an extension but recommends that when the baseline survey is completed, Cambodia report the results to the Meeting of States Parties and the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies with a view to altering its plan and perhaps adjusting its completion date, and perhaps completing all of the job by 2019.

Tajikistan (10 Years)

Thank you Madame President. Canada recognizes the problems Tajikistan has faced in generating financial support but with the understanding that at least one, possibly two demining machines will be acquired, Canada's view is that the plan as proposed lacks ambition and clearance can likely be completed in less, perhaps much less, than ten years. While Canada supports this extension request, we recommend that Tajikistan look at revising its plan and report back to the 10th Meeting of States Parties as to the feasibility of revising its completion date so as to finish the job in a shorter time.

Uganda (3 Years)

Canada can support an extension request by Uganda but notes that although the request is less than the maximum time permitted by the Convention, it is our belief that the extension can be completed in less time. We would encourage Uganda to aim to complete the task in much less time than was requested.