

**Intersessional Meetings
of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention
7-8 June 2018**

Statements by the Kingdom of Belgium

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Madam President,

Belgium aligns itself with the statements delivered by the **European Union** and wishes to make the following remarks in her national capacity.

(Art.5)

- Last year the 16th Meeting of States Parties expressed serious concern on the fact that **Ukraine is now in a situation of non-compliance with Art.5**. The Meeting called on Ukraine to submit as soon as possible a request for extension in accordance with the process established by the States Parties at the 16th MSP.
- We recognize and understand the challenging situation faced by Ukraine. We welcome the planned visit to Ukraine by the Committee on Art. 5. We **expect Ukraine to urgently submit a request of extension of its deadline** as permitted under art.5.3 of the Convention. Our Convention is strong enough to help Ukraine in its demarches.

I thank you.