



**Mine Action Review Comments on Extension Request submitted by Peru
(delivered by NPA on behalf of Mine Action Review)**

**Agenda Item 4: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I am delivering this statement on behalf of Mine Action Review.

We thank Peru for its Third, and what is hoped is its final request for an extension. While there is less than 300,000m² of mined area remaining, we acknowledge the remaining mine contamination is in extremely remote and hard to access areas, which poses logistical challenges and significantly adds to costs.

Peru expects to take five years to fulfil its clearance obligations using solely national capacity. The estimated time required is reduced to three years if Peru is also able to secure international funding. We welcome Peru's initiative to host an individualised meeting this week and hope that donors can support Peru to reach completion more swiftly and well before the Sixth Review Conference in 2029. With respect to funding, it would be useful for Peru to clarify if the expected cost for equipment and PPE will be funded nationally or does Peru also require international funding for this? Sufficient and fully functioning equipment will be important in enabling Peru to fully deploy all available clearance capacity.

Mine Action Review believes there is room for Peru to improve the operational efficiency and effectiveness of its clearance operations, which will further enable it to reach completion more swiftly and economically. We encourage Peru to continue to work with international partners to strengthen land release methodology, including further reviewing its national mine action standards (NMAS), which were updated in 2023, to ensure that they allow for evidenced-based survey to more accurately delineate the CHAs and to enable cancellation through non-technical survey and reduction through technical survey of areas not contaminated.

We note the inclusion of the new mined area of Puesto de Vigilancia Gutiérrez (PV Gutiérrez), which was not in Peru's previous extension request. It would be useful for Peru to clarify whether or not there is the need for border delineation/demarcation with Ecuador, before Peru is able to clear this area or has it already been determined that this mined area lies clearly within Peru's jurisdiction and control?

Lastly, Peru refers in its request to how climate change and the environment in the mined areas affects its demining operations. We encourage Peru to also provide information on how, if at all, it takes into account environmental considerations for its demining operations.

Thank you.