

Guinea-Bissau's Extension Request – ICBL Comments  
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Thank you, Mr. President,

We thank Guinea-Bissau for submitting its extension request and the Committee for its analysis.

Guinea-Bissau declared completion of its Art. 5 obligations in 2012, however as explained in the request, the country has continued registering casualties of explosions of devices and mines. Guinea-Bissau completed some initial surveys which resulted in identification of CHAs and SHAs.

The ICBL supports granting this one-year interim extension in order for Guinea-Bissau to develop and present in a timely manner:

- A clear survey plan, detailing what areas would be surveyed when, with what available capacity, and at what cost;
- A detailed and costed risk-education plan as required by Action #24 of the OAP, which should be implemented alongside the survey during this initial interim extension;
- A budget along with a resource mobilization plan.

Lastly, we remind Guinea-Bissau of its legal obligation to provide annual updates through Article 7 transparency reporting, which Guinea-Bissau has not done since 2011.

Thank you.