



**Mine Action Review Statement on Mauritania's Article 4 Extension Request**

**(delivered by NPA on behalf of Mine Action Review)**

**Item 9: Presentation of deadline extension requests under Articles 3 and 4 of the Convention and of the analysis of those requests**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

In the interest of time, I will keep this statement brief, as Mine Action Review has participated and provided expert input in the Article 4 Analysis Group, whose comprehensive analysis of the request we have just heard.

We thank Mauritania for its request and hope that it now receives the requested support from international donors in order to implement the request and release the remaining nine cluster munition contaminated areas by its extended deadline of 1 August 2026. Mauritania only has limited national clearance capacity and while it plans to second staff from the Corps of Engineers to support implementation of Article 4, without international support, Mauritania may be forced to submit a third extension request in 2025 and might well remain on the list of affected States Parties for many years.

Thank you.







