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Press Release

The Twenty-Second Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Approves Cambodia's Third Extension Request to Complete Anti-Personnel Mine Clearance

The Twenty-Second Meetings of States Parties of the Anti-Personal Mines Ban Convention (the Ottawa Convention) held in Geneva, Switzerland- December 1 - 5, has officially approved Cambodia's request for a third extension—covering the period 2026–2030—to complete the clearance and destruction of anti-personnel mines under Article 5 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, setting a new deadline of 31 December 2030.

The Meeting's unanimous decision underscores the Royal Government of Cambodia's sustained leadership, strong commitment and substantial efforts in meeting its obligations under the Convention. It also reflects the confidence and continued support of friendly nations, development partners, and mine action stakeholders. To date, Cambodia has made substantial progress, clearing 3,300 km² of contaminated land and destroying more than four million landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERWs). These achievements have significantly enhanced community safety, improved livelihoods, and contributed to the country's socio-economic development. Cambodia expresses its sincere appreciation to all donors, partners, and stakeholders for their invaluable support and contributions.

Nevertheless, States Parties recognized that considerable challenges remain, particularly in heavily contaminated border areas where difficult terrain, limited access, and extensive minefields continue to threaten communities. Overcoming these obstacles will require ongoing efforts, strengthened partnerships, and additional resources.

On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) renews its call to friendly nations, development partners, mine action operators, the private sector, and all relevant stakeholders to continue standing with Cambodia in advancing the vision of a "Mine-Free Cambodia 2030."

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