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**Statement on behalf of
the Analysis Group for Article 4 Extension Requests
(Afghanistan, Montenegro, Sweden and the Netherlands)
at
Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions,
agenda item 6, organization of work**

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Chile

Mr President,

Thank you for giving me the floor, I have the honour to present on behalf of the Analysis Group for Article 4 extension requests the report on the extension request by Chile. The report is contained in document CCM/CONF/2020/8, dated 21 September 2020.

The Republic of Chile signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) on 3 December 2008, ratified on 16 December 2010, and it entered into force on 1 June 2011. Under Article 4 of the Convention, Chile is obligated to clear and destroy or ensure the clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants located in cluster munition contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control by 1 June 2021.

Chile submitted its draft extension request to the Implementation Support Unit on 27 November 2019 for an initial assessment to ensure the request did not lack any critical components. Following two rounds of feedback and revisions, Chile submitted its extension request for a 5-year extension of its Article 4 deadline on 24 January 2020. Subsequently, in line with the Methodology for Extension requests adopted at the 9th MSP, the Analysis Group engaged with the requesting State Party to clarify outstanding issues.

During these consultations, it became apparent that further information required, in particular through the conduct of technical surveys, to determine the actual extension period needed for Chile to fulfil its Article 4 obligations. On the recommendation of the Analysis Group, Chile submitted a revised extension request seeking a one-year extension of its Article 4 deadline up to 1 June 2022.

Mr President,

On the basis of the revised extension request the Analysis Group noted in its conclusions that it is regrettable that Chile was unable to implement its Article 4 obligations within the initial 10-year period but appreciates that it has not requested the maximum time allowed under the Convention to fulfil its Article 4 obligations. The one-year interim extension period is to be used to conduct technical surveys, which will provide the necessary information to establish the actual extra amount of time needed as well as to develop a comprehensive plan for completion of Article 4 obligations. The Analysis Group requests that Chile provides a project management and a clear work plan once the confirmed hazardous areas have been determined and that those are included in the next extension request to be submitted to the 10th MSP.

As noted in the report, the Analysis Group regrets that Chile did not provide clear information on a work plan for this interim extension period and notes with concern that Chile is yet to secure national and international funding for the planned technical survey to be carried out. The Analysis Group recommends the swift establishment of a Defense Disarmament Commission (CDD) so as not to adversely affect the implementation of the planned technical

survey. [In this context, the Analysis Group appreciates the presentation by the Chilean delegation just now, providing additional information as requested.]

To conclude, the Analysis Group recommends to grant the request for an extension of 12 months up to 1 June 2022 pending the provision of a detailed work plan and budget to be included in a subsequent extension request to be considered at the Tenth Meeting of States Parties. In doing so, it requests that Chile reports annually through its Article 7 reports and at Meetings of States Parties the following:

- a) Progress made relative to the technical survey to be undertaken as indicated in its extension request;
- b) Updated information on remaining cluster munition contamination based on the findings of the technical survey;
- c) A detailed work plan and budget for the subsequent year;
- d) Resource mobilization efforts including international cooperation and assistance received, and resources made available by the Government of Chile to support implementation efforts;
- e) Other relevant information.

The Analysis Group notes the importance, in addition to Chile reporting to the States Parties as noted above, of keeping the States Parties regularly apprised of other pertinent developments as necessary.

Thank you Mr President