

RESPONSES TO THE ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM) ARTICLE 4 ANALYSIS GROUP ON THE UPDATED EXTENSION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY CHILE ON MAY 9, 2022.

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1. Clarify on the clearance capacity

(a) given that Chile only has 2 teams of 12 EOD specialists at each site, to what degree does Chile expect to actually find submunitions at the four sites?

Comment

- Chile for 18 years successfully faced the challenge of demining extensive areas contaminated with antipersonnel mines. The experience gained allows us to properly plan cluster munitions remnants removal and clearance activities in accordance with IMAS standards.
- Consequently, the planning presented is considered appropriate according to national technical capabilities.

(b) does Chile expect that the density/number of unexploded submunitions might in fact be quite limited, following previous clearance that took place after the cluster munitions were used/tested at the sites for training purposes? This would assist to assess if the clearance target is achievable.

Comment

- Chile knows exactly the number of ammunition used, which was reported in its first annual report of Article 7, presented in 2012.
- On the other hand, it is estimated that of the total of 648 cluster munitions used, only a percentage of submunitions would have remained unexploded.
- The Armed Forces permanently carry out activities in these military ranges and after each exercise, it is arranged for EOD crews to review and eliminate UXOs. The last time cluster munitions was used was between 2007 and 2008, since that date, EOD crews have eliminated the UXOs found.
- Consequently, it is estimated that the remains of cluster munitions to be found will be minimal.

2. More Detailed Resource Mobilization Plan

While Chile has provided more information on its plan to mobilize the necessary resources to undertake the necessary activities during the extension period, it remains unclear whether or not the annual requests for funding from the Ministry of Finance will not constitute a threat to uninterrupted operations. In this regard, the Analysis Group recommends that :-

(a) Chile provides greater assurance that the necessary annual funding will be secured, and that the proposed work will be done according to the presented plan.

(b) Chile clarifies whether the prioritization of COVID-19 will continue to disrupt funding.

