



Observations and Comments of the CCM Article 4 Analysis Group on the Extension Request submitted by Chile in accordance with Article 4.5 of the Convention

The Analysis Group notes with appreciation that Chile has successfully carried out its work plan to complete the technical survey of the four military ranges with suspected contamination of cluster munition remnants as stipulated in the plan submitted to the Convention's Second Review Conference (2RC) on 27 August 2021. The Group further commends Chile for having reduced the initial suspected hazardous area (SHA) of 64.61 km² by 52.4% to determine the confirmed hazardous area (CHA) as 30.77 km².

However, the Analysis Group deeply regrets that operations were suspended for one and a half years (as per the draft request Chile does not plan to carry any mine action operations in 2022 and first half of 2023). Furthermore, 11 years after the Convention entered into force for it, Chile has not allocated national resources or requested international cooperation and assistance to proceed with clearance operations. The Analysis Group is particularly concerned that no funding was requested for operations in 2022 and that Chile has not secured the necessary resources for 2023 or the rest of the extension period requested. The Group wishes to stress that the clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants is a legal obligation for States Parties to be carried out "as soon as possible" under Article 4 of the CCM.

The Analysis Group also notes that throughout the submitted document, Chile refers the reader to its previous Extension Request submitted in July 2020. For the sake of transparency, clarity and ease of reading, the Group recommends that Chile repeats the relevant information in its new submission.

Additionally, the Analysis Group has also observed the absence of a number of critical elements which require further elaboration by Chile to strengthen the document. In this regard, the Analysis Group requests additional information or further clarification from Chile on the following points:-

1. The inclusion of a detailed **work plan** for the extension period which would include:
 - (a) Clear year-by-year clearance targets for easy monitoring over the requested extension period indicating the allocation of assets (including finances) per year;
 - (b) Expected clearance rate on a monthly/quarterly basis and the methods to be used; and
 - (c) Activities to be undertaken besides survey and clearance to justify the 3-year extension period requested.

2. The Request would benefit from the provision of additional information on Chile's **resource mobilization plan**, in particular:
 - (a) Which international partners and States Parties Chile identified to be in a position to provide assistance to its cluster munition clearance activities;
 - (b) Include information on how Chile intends to engage with the abovementioned partners and States;
 - (c) Further to the indication given by Chile that the COVID-19 pandemic may continue to impede its ability to allocate national resources to cluster munition clearance, that it provides information on what it is doing to ensure that it is well prepared to overcome any potential lack of necessary resources.
3. Provide additional information with regard to the amount of USD 818,954.85 mentioned as needed for Chile to replace or maintain its demining equipment. For instance, is this amount included in its 3-year budget of USD 1,923,312 or is it in addition to that figure?
4. Chile informs that it plans to standardize the clearance and certification procedures in the first semester of 2023. Would these standards be based on the current **International Mine Action Standards** (IMAS)? For instance, in its Request, Chile refers to IMAS 09.20 relating to inspection of cleared land which has been withdrawn and replaced with IMAS 07.40 which addresses the issue of monitoring of product performance for mine action in general and provides specific guidance on actions to check the quality of cleared land.
5. Chile informs of its intention to develop educational campaigns on **risk education** in its Request. The document would be strengthened with the inclusion of -
 - (a) The type of activities Chile plans to carry out and which organizations will be conducting the activities;
 - (b) Information on an assessment of needs and vulnerability - such as on gender, age and disability - having been conducted to identify the targeted communities or groups to provide risk education to.
6. **Gender and diversity of populations** are mainstreamed in the Lausanne Action Plan that was adopted by States Parties at the Second Review Conference (2RC). In this regard, how does Chile intend to ensure that the gender and diversity of populations is considered and integrated into all the appropriate activities related to survey and clearance of cluster munition remnants?
7. Need to correct the figures provided in the Table on Page 7 for consistency. Specifically, the inconsistency in the table seems to indicate that the size of the surface treated in TS is bigger than the surface identified as CHA and SHA through the NTS.