

### **Observations and Comments of the CCM Article 3 Analysis Group on the Extension Request submitted by Peru in accordance with Article 3.3 of the Convention**

The Analysis Group recognizes the efforts undertaken by Peru in the preparation of its Article 3 extension request and considers that overall the submission provides sufficient information for a preliminary assessment to be made. However, the Group expresses its concern and regret that for the eight years since the Convention entered into force for Peru limited progress on the implementation of its obligations under Article 3 had been achieved resulting in the need for an Article 3 extension request.

Nonetheless, the Analysis Group takes note of Peru's commitment expressed in the extension request to substantially speed up stockpile destruction in order to comply with its obligations within 37 months. It further notes the stated intention of Peru not to retain any cluster munitions or explosive submunitions in accordance with Article 3, Paragraph 6. 1. The Analysis Group welcomes the collaboration of the three Peruvian authorities (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence and the Peruvian Air Force) in enhancing the implementation of the demilitarization plan as stipulated in the extension request and anticipates that this will expedite the process;

Additionally, the Analysis Group has observed some inconsistencies and gaps in the key information provided that require further elaboration or clarification by Peru. In this regard, additional information or clarification from Peru on the following elements is necessary to enable the Analysis Group to facilitate further consideration of the extension request. :

1. There is need for **consistency** in the presentation of the figures provided throughout the request. For instance, the figures provided in the detailed narrative (page 8) and the Annex C (table 3) do not match. In addition, it would be beneficial to the reader to clearly specify the numbers of cluster munitions and the total number of submunitions held by each type of cluster munition;
2. Peru reported to have destroyed some cluster munitions in the initial 8 year period and therefore, States parties would benefit from having clear information in this regard including on :
  - a. the destruction methods used, the types and quantities, at which locations and any other available detail, including in respect to the applicable public health and environmental standards applied in the process;
  - b. how public health and environmental standards will be considered in future destruction operations?
3. The Request mentions on page 5 that legislation and the related authorization process was one of the reasons that implementation of Article 3 obligations were hindered since Peru ratified the Convention in 2012. Therefore, the Analysis Group seeks more clarity on how these legal and procedural issues have been overcome and assurance that these will not be an obstacle to the implementation of the work plan in the extension period;
4. The Request would benefit from the inclusion of more concrete details on the **financing** of the work plan and highlighting any contingency plan in case there is not guaranteed international support for the entire extension period. How much of the funding has already been secured? How would Peru mitigate a financial shortfall?

5. The consideration on the request would benefit from more clarity on the **personnel resources** assigned to implement the **work plan**, in particular:
  - a. How many teams, including the number of team members, will be assigned to implement each stage of the destruction plan?
  - b. What is the possibility of enhancing the rate of destruction by employing the already trained teams to undertake all the demilitarization work instead of training new teams at each stage of the operation;
  - c. A step by step description of the demilitarization process would benefit States Parties reading the request to better understand the complexities of the process particularly of the more sophisticated munitions;
  - d. the plan would be enhanced by providing additional information on how it will minimize risks during the demilitarization operation;
  
6. The Analysis Group welcomes Peru's close and continued contact with the CCM coordinators on stockpile destruction and the ISU. In this regard, the Analysis Group strongly encourages Peru to inform States Parties as soon as possible should there be any impediment to the implementation of its work plan and to provide such information in a timely manner.