

## CMC Comments on Extension Request by Mauritania

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Thank you Chair,

The Cluster Munition Coalition thanks Mauritania for presenting its good extension request and providing additional clarifications.

It is unfortunate that Mauritania discovered newly contaminated areas after previously declaring completion of its obligations under Article 4. It is however commendable that Mauritania declared this new contamination and asked for a new deadline under Article 4.

The CMC appreciates Mauritania asking for a relatively short time period of two years and including a clear and detailed plan for survey and clearance of all contaminated land, accompanied by a budget, as well as initial resource mobilization plans.

Considering the contamination in Mauritania still poses risk, in particular to nomadic populations, Mauritania needs to urgently develop and implement a comprehensive plan for risk education, that will specify the target groups, the risk education provider, as well as methodology to be used.

The CMC encourages Mauritania to actively engage in resource mobilization efforts, including through establishing a country coalition, to ensure Mauritania has the required resources and is able to implement its plan and fulfil its obligations in an efficient and timely manner.

We also welcome Mauritania's intention to update its national mine action standards in line with IMAS and to develop a national residual risk capacity.

Lastly, we ask Mauritania to provide regular updates on its efforts in regard to establishing its pending plan and programme on risk education, as well as on progress in survey and clearance. And we call on all partners and donors to support Mauritania's efforts.

Thank you