

**Statement by Guyana on behalf of  
the Analysis Group for Article 4 Extension Requests by  
Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions**

Mr President

Thank you for giving me the floor.

I make this statement on behalf of the Article 4 Analysis Group on the extension request by Bosnia and Herzegovina. First, allow me to introduce the current Article 4 Analysis Group members which comprises the Coordinators for Clearance and risk reduction education- Guyana and Sweden and the Coordinators for International Cooperation and Assistance- Germany and Montenegro. Also, I want to publicly express gratitude for the invaluable support of the ISU as well as that of the GICHD, the ICRC, the CMC and Mine Action Review during this process.

Mr President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina's first request to extend its original Article 4 deadline of 1 March 2021 was considered during Part 1 of the 2nd Review Conference of the Convention (2RC) held from 25 to 27 November 2020. This request was considered and an extension of 18 months up to 1 September 2022 was granted through a silence procedure that ended on 26 February 2021 due to the postponement of Part 2 of the 2RC. However, since Bosnia and Herzegovina is unable to complete clearance within the 18-month extended period up to 1 September 2022, it submitted a second deadline extension request in May 2022.

Mr President,

The extension request indicates that Bosnia and Herzegovina had expected to complete its clearance activities by its deadline of 1 September 2022. However, with the discovery of six new locations in the spring of 2022, two of which have been confirmed as contaminated with cluster munitions through non-technical survey and target investigations, it will need additional time to complete its obligations.

The Analysis Group takes the opportunity to reiterate the importance of States parties submitting their extension requests within the stipulated timeframe to allow sufficient time for the analysis process to be thorough.

Mr President,

In summation, while the Group regrets that Bosnia and Herzegovina was not able to meet its current clearance deadline, it notes with appreciation the commitment of Bosnia and Herzegovina

in allocating sufficient national funds towards the clearance of cluster munition contaminated areas. Furthermore, the Analysis Group welcomes that Bosnia and Herzegovina has reported having the necessary national and international funding to implement the work plan.

The Analysis Group further commends Bosnia and Herzegovina for the provision in July 2022 of a clear and detailed work plan with measurable benchmarks covering the amount of time requested in response to the request for more details by the Analysis Group. There is now a better understanding of the amount of work already done and what remains to be done and when. Notwithstanding the additional information already provided, the Analysis Group strongly encourages Bosnia and Herzegovina, in line with CCM Article 4.2 and Lausanne Action Plan actions 27 to 30, to provide States Parties with more information on risk education activities planned for the extension period.

Given the foregoing, the Group recommends that the Meeting grants Bosnia and Herzegovina its request for an extension of 12 months until 1 September 2023.

Accordingly, the Group notes that the Convention would benefit from Bosnia and Herzegovina reporting on the following:

- (a) Progress made by Bosnia and Herzegovina on the implementation of the work plan provided in its extension request.
- (b) Updated information on the contaminated area still to be addressed
- (c) Any Other relevant information.

Finally, the Analysis Group notes the importance of Bosnia and Herzegovina keeping the States Parties regularly apprised of any other pertinent developments as necessary and looks forward to a Declaration of Completion being submitted at the 11MSP.

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