

**Statement by Guyana on behalf of
the Analysis Group for Article 4 Extension Requests by
Chile**

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 Chile. The composition of the Analysis Group was the same as that which considered the extension requests of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chad.

Mr President,

Chile's first request to extend its Article 4 deadline of 1 June 2021 was considered during Part 1 of the 2nd Review Conference of the Convention (2RC) held in November 2020. Accordingly, the request was granted pending the provision of a detailed work plan and budget to be included in a subsequent extension request to be considered during Part 2 of the Review Conference which was held in September 2022.

Chile submitted its second extension request on 23 June 2021 and requested a further 12-month extension of its 1 June 2022 deadline to undertake the activities that Chile had initially planned to undertake during the first extension period. Part 2 of the 2RC assessed the request and agreed to grant Chile the request for a further 12-month extension until 1 June 2023.

Mr President,

On 22 April 2022, Chile officially submitted its 3rd extension request for a three-year extension of its Article 4 deadline of 1 June 2023 up to 1 June 2026.

Following the initial assessment of the extension request on 3 May 2022, the Analysis Group requested additional information from Chile to facilitate further analysis of its request. On 9 May 2022, Chile submitted an updated extension request and provided additional clarifying information in response to the questions put forward by the Analysis Group. The Analysis Group met again on 12 May 2022 to consider the supplementary information provided by Chile and sent its feedback on the same day to Chile. As agreed, Chile provided its response to the Analysis Group on 13 May 2022.

The request outlined that during the current extension period, technical surveys were carried out in the contaminated areas, which allowed the Confirmed Hazard Areas to be further reduced. The initial area of 64,61 km² was reduced by approximately 52.4% because there was no evidence of

contamination. It was determined that concrete evidence of the presence of sub-munitions was only found in an area covering 30,77 km² and which it planned to clear during the extension period. In addition, the request informs that Chile has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has meant sharp drops in production, investment, employment, entrepreneurship and family income resulting in the re-direction of resources to the detriment of other international activities and commitments, as is the in case of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Mr President,

The Analysis Group notes with appreciation that Chile 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. The Group further commends Chile for having reduced the initial suspected hazardous area by 52.4% to determine the confirmed hazardous area as 30.77 km².

Therefore, the Analysis Group recommends that the Meeting grants Chile its request for a deadline extension of 3 years up to 1 June 2026. The Group also notes that it would be crucial for Chile to secure the necessary financial resources for the extension period and to start clearance operations as soon as possible. Additionally, the Group recommends that Chile regularly reports to States Parties on the implementation of its clearance work plan and resource mobilization plan during the extension period.

Finally, the Group would like to note that the Convention would benefit from Chile reporting annually through Article 7 reports and at Meetings of States Parties on the following:

- (a) Progress made relative to the clearance operations to be undertaken as indicated in its extension request.
- (b) Updated information on remaining contamination.
- (c) A detailed work plan and budget for the subsequent year.
- (d) Resource mobilization efforts, including international cooperation and assistance, received and resources made available by the Government of Chile to support implementation efforts.
- (e) Other relevant information.

In conclusion, the Group encourages Chile to keep States Parties regularly apprised of other pertinent developments regarding the implementation of Article 4 during the period covered by the request.

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