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Afghanistan National Mine Action Authority (NMAA)

## Excellences,

Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) as National Mine Action Authority (NMAA) has the honor to submit the request of the government of Afghanistan for the extension of the deadline for the fulfilment of the obligations relating to the Article 4 of Convention on Cluster Mentions.

Afghanistan mine action programme (MAPA) is a humanitarian and neutral programme pursuing its humanitarian objectives. As a state party to the convention, Afghanistan faced with a number of impeding factors in achieving its obligations under the Article 4 of CCM during the current extended deadline (April 2022- March 2026). As the state parties are aware, Afghanistan has also encountered unprecedented circumstances after the political change in August 2021.

By addressing this letter, in accordance with Article 4 Paragraph 5 and 6 of the Convention, Afghanistan formally requests the extension of Article 4 deadline from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2026. During this period, the mine action programme of Afghanistan (MAPA) intends to undertake survey and clearance (land release) operations on all known and recorded cluster munitions remnants sites. With full support of ANDMA, and under the coordination of the Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC), the MAPA initiated advocacy efforts to mobilize resources at national, regional and international level to support mine action activities and make Afghanistan free from explosive ordnance including CM contamination.

The ANDMA and the mine action programme of Afghanistan would be grateful to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for their support in sharing/presenting the extension request to the Chair of review committee and the state parties on Article 4 Implementation, and other relevant stakeholders, in accordance with relevant rules and established practices. Thus, we kindly request the state parties to grant Afghanistan a 2-year extension of the deadline of Article 4 until 31 March 2028.

The Afghanistan National Mine Action Authority and MAPA sincerely thank you in advance and please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

The Director General

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