

Comments on Chile's Article 4 Extension Request
Convention on Cluster Munitions Intersessional meetings
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Thank you, Chair,

The Cluster Muniton Coalition thanks Chile for presenting its request and providing additional information to the analysis group. We also thank the Coordinators and the Implementation Support Unit for the support provided in this process. This marks Chile's fourth extension request.

Chile has strived to be champion of the convention, notably by including cluster munitions in its victim assistance law, despite there being no cluster munition casualties. The time is now to step up again, and demonstrate, wholeheartedly, the importance of timely clearance of contaminated areas, in line with the convention's obligations. We urge Chile to demonstrate greater ambition in its objective to complete clearance of all contaminated areas.

We acknowledge Chile's progress over the past five years, including the reduction and cancellation of suspected hazardous areas, and the clearance of 1.44km² in 2023.

However, with 21.25km² still requiring clearance during the requested extension period, Chile must develop a robust strategy to secure the necessary funding and avoid further delays. The extension request would benefit from more detail on how Chile intends to mobilize these resources to meet its clearance deadline.

We note with appreciation that the request includes a detailed, costed, multi-year work plan. However, the plan would be strengthened by the inclusion of a contingency strategy—clarifying how operations would proceed if full funding is not secured, and how much clearance could realistically be achieved under those circumstances.

Thank you.