



CCM Thematic Working Group on Clearance

WORK PLAN 2025 -2026

Coordinators: France and Mexico

1. Background to the work plan

According to article 4 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), “each State Party undertakes to clear and destroy, or ensure the clearance and destruction of, cluster munition remnants located in cluster munition contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control”, which encompass areas affected by the presence of cluster munitions remnants at the date of the Convention’s entry into force or that became affected after entry into force of the Convention.

To this end, taking into account international standards including the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), the State Party should survey and assess the threat posed by cluster munition remnants in order to identify all contaminated areas; establish priorities in terms of marking, protection of civilians, clearance and destruction trying to mobilize resources and develop an action plan; take steps to ensure that all contaminated areas are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means.

During the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, all States Parties with article 4 obligations submitted their annual reports. Ten State Parties remain contaminated by cluster munitions and no affected States have declared complete clearance since 2023. In terms of survey and clearance obligations, five State Parties submitted extension requests for consideration during the 13MSP.

Progress in clearance continues, as 2024 saw a significant increase in the number of square kilometers cleared despite numerous challenges faced by affected State Parties in terms of terrain complexity, security as well as availability and predictability of funding and assistance.

The Clearance Working Group underlines the efforts made by relevant stake holders in the development of innovative approaches to survey and clearance that promote national ownership and sustainability while continuing to encourage international cooperation, gender equality and youth participation, in line with action 21 of the Lausanne Action Plan

(LAP). Moreover, the Group notes the importance and growing recognition of environmental considerations in the implementation of activities under art4 amidst the climate crisis, in line with action 23 of the LAP.

2. Objectives

Objectives of this workplan are tailored on the basis of Action 18-30 of the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP):

- Support reporting and extension requests under article 4 in an efficient and timely manner;
- Increase reporting on the indicators associated with LAP Actions 18 to 30;
- Support the establishment of Country Coalitions.

3. Planned activities

The coordinators France and Mexico:

- Will actively lead and participate in the work of the Analysis Group providing guidance and strategy;
- Will focus outreach efforts on countries with approaching deadlines;
- Will empower synergies with other thematic coordinators within the CCM, especially international cooperation and assistance and gender, as well as relevant stakeholders: donor and partner States, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and civil society;
- Will follow with relevant agencies the proper consideration of the working paper dedicated to the inclusion of environmental aspects into demining work plans;
- Will encourage the creation of Country Coalitions and investigation of alternative and innovative financing methods, as well as multi-year reliable funding plans.

4. Expected outputs

- States Parties with article 4 obligations present detailed reports in line with relevant provisions of the LAP;

- States Parties that cannot meet their article 4 obligations present high quality extension requests including risk education aspects (in line with other coordinator in charge of this aspect);
- The coordinators encourage the establishment of Country Coalitions and support States in their search for funds to complete clearance.

5. Strategy implementers

- France and Mexico, Co-coordinators;
- CCM Implementation Support Unit.

6. Potential Implementing Partners

- Thematic coordinators;
- CCM ISU;
- Members of the Analysis Group.
- Mine action operators and other expert organisations;
- Donor and Partner States.

7. Timeline of activities in the lead up the 13th MSP

Fourth Quarter of 2025

- Discussion of priorities and activities with the CCM ISU;
- Initial meetings with CCM ISU in order to discuss and analyse extension requests in December;

First Quarter of 2026

- Initial meetings with the Analysis Group
- Meeting with relevant stakeholders to explore the creation, if requested, of a Country Coalition;

Second Quarter of 2026

- Additional meetings of the Analysis Group;



➤ Final review of the extension requests;

Third Quarter of 2026

➤ Report on the activities undertaken by the co-Coordination up to the RevCon3.