

CMC Comments on Chad's Article 4 Extension Request
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Thank you, Chair.

The Cluster Munition Coalition and the Monitor thank Chad for submitting its Article 4 extension request. We welcome the planned non-technical survey in Tibesti as an important step towards clarifying the remaining cluster munition contamination and fulfilling Chad's obligations under the Convention.

We particularly welcome the integration of risk education into the planned survey. Chad plans to deploy personnel trained in non-technical survey, community liaison and risk education, with a dedicated risk education team. We also welcome the intention to adapt community engagement to the local context, including through the participation of locally recruited women.

However, the request provides limited detail on how risk education will be implemented in Tibesti. It does not clearly identify the communities and groups to be reached, the scale and frequency of activities, or how their results will be monitored.

The survey is an important opportunity to identify who is most at risk, which behaviours put people at risk, and why. We encourage Chad to use the information gathered through survey and community liaison to adapt its risk education priorities, messages and methods accordingly.

Greater clarity is also needed on resources. Risk education materials are included in the overall €115,038 budget for the survey, but there is no separate breakdown for risk education. It is therefore difficult to assess whether adequate resources have been allocated.

Finally, we urge States Parties to help ensure that a lack of funding does not delay implementation. The amount required for the survey and accompanying risk education is relatively modest.

Approving Chad's extension request is important, but it should be accompanied by concrete support. We call on States Parties and other partners in a position to do so to provide the financial and technical resources Chad needs to carry out the survey and risk education without further delay, and to move towards completion of its Article 4 obligations.

Thank you, Chair.