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Mr. President and distinguished delegates, continuing with the national presentation, I will refer from the particular vision of Defense.

Chile did not have the economic and operational capacity to simultaneously face two commitments of the magnitude of the Convention on Antipersonnel Mines and this Convention.

We were forced to prioritize the one that represented the greatest danger to the civilian population. Antipersonnel mines were located on border lands for various uses, including some private ones.

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In accordance with the foregoing, our country resolved to begin clearing the four areas "suspected of being contaminated by cluster munitions," only after the removal of antipersonnel mines was completed.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet the deadline of June 1, 2021 to complete the cleanup of cluster munition remnants.

On February 27 (2020), the work to destroy the antipersonnel mines ended, beginning on that same date the demobilization of the camps and their reorganization to take on new tasks.

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We had to carry out a legal-administrative reorganization to continue facing these international commitments, since the National Demining Commission was limited exclusively to antipersonnel mines.

Consequently, the planning presented at the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties had to be modified, in the sense of creating a new body in the Ministry of Defense for these purposes.

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Mr. President, despite all the above, we have not been immobilized since this Convention entered into force. In fact, we have carried out the following activities:

- Six years before the deadline, we destroyed the entire cluster munition stockpile.

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- A relevant aspect is that, throughout this process, the work of Women has been present. In this way, with an adequate gender policy, Chilean women are contributing both at the managerial and executive levels.
- We carry out Non-Technical Surveys, in accordance with the International Mine Action Standards 08.10.
- The work allowed a 33.31% reduction in the suspicious area, from 96,883,600 to 64,611,124 square meters.
- Educational campaigns for the civilian population to identify risks, cooperated so that we do not have victims.

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- We completed the design of the new institutional framework to face this challenge.
- In conjunction with our Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the necessary financial resources were requested for the Technical Surveys.
- Like many of the countries present here, Chile is currently affected by Covid-19 and its serious impacts. This adds a degree of uncertainty to our planning, which we estimate could be cleared by 2021.

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The one-year extension that we are requesting is with the purpose of carrying out the following activities:

- Execute Technical Surveys.
- Formalize the new institutional framework in the Ministry of Defense.
- Determine the costs involved and prepare the corresponding planning.
- Enlist the military means that will participate in this work.

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Mr. President, I would like to emphasize that the Suspected Hazardous Areas (SHA) correspond exclusively to four controlled military lands, where cluster munitions have not been used for more than 12 years, and that the explosives disposal teams (EOD) have eliminated all types of UXOs found after each exercise performed.

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The first three of these lands are in the Desert North and the fourth in the Patagonian area. In the graph, we can identify the names of the military ranges, their location and the corresponding magnitudes:

Name	Region	Surface m ²
Pampa Chaca Este	Arica y Parinacota	30.560.000
Delta	Tarapacá	28.291.563
Barrancas	Tarapacá	2.669.542
Punta Zenteno	Magallanes y Antártica Chilena	3.090.019
		64.611.124

In short, we will adjust the planning to the information obtained from the Technical Surveys. Only after that will it be possible to define and quantify in detail the operations and times required by our country for the definitive cleaning of cluster munitions.

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Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, allow me to conclude my words by thanking the collaboration and support that we have had during this period by the Presidency of the Convention, the Analysis Group of and particularly, the work of the Implementation and Support Unit of the Cluster Munitions Convention.

Thanks a lot!