

## **CMC Comments on Extension Request by Chile**

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It is very unfortunate that during the past 10 years Chile has not conducted any clearance or technical survey of its suspected cluster munition contamination. We are pleased, however, that Chile did carry out a non-technical survey in 2019 and succeeded to reduce its overall suspected area of contamination.

While we understand that Chile gave priority to clearance of its landmine contamination - and we congratulate Chile for achieving completion of this task earlier this year – Chile should have also progressed with fulfilling its obligations under this convention.

Chile is requesting a short interim extension of one year to carry out technical survey in all four military ranges suspected to have cluster munition contamination, and to develop a comprehensive clearance plan.

We expect Chile to take the following steps during its one-year extension:

- Conduct as soon as possible technical survey of all suspected areas to determine the actual area of contamination;
- Based on findings from the survey - develop a comprehensive plan for completing its obligations under art. 4 within the shortest time absolutely necessary;
- Secure in advance all financial and technical resources to ensure smooth and timely implementation of the plan. Should national funding not suffice, develop a resource mobilization strategy to seek donors support;
- Should the existing contamination pose a threat to civilians – develop and implement a targeted risk education plan;
- Lastly, keep the States Parties regularly informed on the progress made and potential challenges.

In closing, we hope that Chile will now prioritize its obligations under the CCM and will fast track its survey and clearance to achieve completion as soon as possible.