

CMC Comments on Peru's extension request for stockpile destruction deadline

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The Cluster Munition Coalition thanks Peru for its extension request and for providing additional clarifications that substantially improved its initial submission.

Peru is asking for an additional 37 months until 1 April 2024 to destroy all of its remaining stockpiled cluster munitions and submunitions located in five air-force bases across the country.

It is very unfortunate that Peru missed its initial deadline and achieved very limited progress during the 8-year period, due to legislative and administrative challenges. We hope that Peru will now fast-track its stockpile destruction to complete this process as soon as possible and the latest by the new deadline.

Among the positive points of the request we see the following:

- Peru is asking for less than 4 years - the maximum time allowed - to complete destruction of its remaining stocks;
- The request includes a work plan for demilitarization and destruction at the five storage locations;
- Peru planned to destroy 174 cluster munitions this year, however due to delays caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic the goal was met only partially;
- Peru has secured cooperation of the Norwegian People's Aid and funding necessary to carry out the destruction;
- It is committed to providing national resources should international assistance not be sufficient;
- Lastly, Peru does not intend to retain any cluster munitions or submunitions for research and training purposes.

Points that will require further follow-up include:

- Peru should present updated and detailed work plans for the subsequent years of the extension;
- It needs to clearly and consistently report on the progress made, including on the number of cluster munitions and explosive submunitions destroyed versus projections made, as well as on remaining stocks; and,
- Should any challenges or unforeseen difficulties arise, Peru needs to immediately inform the States Parties and seek ways to ensure full and timely destruction.

We call on Peru to step up efforts, and with the cooperation and assistance of partners, to fulfill its obligations under art. 3 as soon as possible and no later than by the new deadline.