



# EXTENSION REQUEST OF CHILE PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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#### EXTENSION REQUEST OF CHILE PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM)

Santiago, June 22, 2021.

### A. Background

The State of Chile submitted on July 10, 2020, an extension request for one year for the execution of the Technical Surveys (TS IMAS 08.20) that allow the confirmation of the affected areas and the cancellation of free areas, whose beginning is conditioned on the availability of resources. This application is available on the Convention website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/

On September 21, 2020, the Analysis Group of Extension Requests in accordance with Article 4 of the CCM, (Afghanistan, Montenegro, the Netherlands and Sweden), presented the document an Analysis of the extension request presented by Chile in accordance with to article 4 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, (CCM / CONF / 2020/8), available at:

#### https://www.clusterconvention.org/2rc/

In summary, it was agreed to grant a 12-month extension, until June 1, 2022, pending the presentation of a work plan and a detailed budget that should be included in the updated extension request that would be examined in the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties.

By email ccm@un.org, dated May 25, 2021, the CCM-ISU informed of the end of the "silence procedure", granting Chile the requested extension until June 1, 2022.

#### **B. Executive Summary**

- 1. Duration of the proposed extension:
  - > Time requested: 1 year (From June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023).
  - > Risks and assumptions: Activity dependent on the necessary resources.
- 2. Rationale and resource mobilization:
  - Chile is currently seriously affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has meant sharp drops in production, investment, employment, entrepreneurship and family income. These circumstances have produced significant damage to the national economy and unfortunately resources have had to be prioritized to face this pandemic, to the detriment of other international activities and commitments, as is the case with this Convention.
  - The Chilean Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) are currently operating - according to national legislation of the State of Constitutional Exception of "Catastrophe" - in tasks of protection of Chilean citizens in terms of security and support, logistics and health, aimed at minimizing the serious negative effect of this pandemic. The corresponding supreme decrees are available at the following link:

https://www.interior.gob.cl/transparenciaactiva/doc/ActosyDocumentosDiari oOficial/200/7754867.pdf

Everything described above affected the full compliance with Ministerial Order No. 2 "Provides Activities for Compliance with the Convention on Cluster Munitions in the framework of Defense". Indeed, at the date of preparation of this extension request, the Technical Surveys (TS) have not been able to be executed. Ministerial Order No. 2 was attached to Chile's annual report and is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.un.org/disarmament/convention-on-clustermunitions/transparency-measures/ccm-article-7-database

- Financial means available and required by the State party to clean up and destroy all cluster munitions remnants during the proposed extension:
  - Financial means available: To date, no financial resources have been allocated due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
  - Tentative financial means required for the cleanup and destruction of all cluster munitions, US \$ 10,542,767.83 (approximate). It is noted that the present would change when the results of the Technical Surveys are counted.
- Technical means available and required by the State Party to clean up and destroy all cluster munitions remnants during the proposed extension:

The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

<u>https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/</u>. (Pages 6 - 7)

- 3. Preparation of future work and the status of work already conducted under national clearance and demining programs during the initial 10 year period and any subsequent extensions:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- 4. Summary work plan for the extension period:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- 5. Total area **suspected** of containing cluster munitions remnants at the time of entry into force of the Convention
  - It would correspond to 64,611,124 m2 (It would be reduced when the Technical Surveys are executed).
- 6. Additional areas containing cluster munitions remnants discovered after such entry into force:
  - > There is none.
- 7. Total area suspected of containing cluster munitions remnants cleared since entry into force of the Convention:
  - Cluster munitions have not been cleared, as reported, priority was given to clearing antipersonnel mines, an activity that was completed on March 1, 2020. The foregoing is stated in the "Report on the completion of the destruction of antipersonnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5, Paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Convention on the prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on their

Destruction", APLC/MSP.18/2020/MISC.1, presented by Chile, on September 21, 2020, available at:

https://www.apminebanconvention.org/meetings-of-the-statesparties/18msp/18msp-documents/

- 8. Total area suspected of containing cluster munitions remnants remaining to be cleared during the proposed extension:
  - It must be determined by the Technical Surveys (TS), to date it would correspond to 64,611,124 m2.
- 9. Circumstances that have impeded the ability of the State Party to destroy all cluster munitions remnants located in areas under its jurisdiction or control during the initial 10 year period, and those that may impede its ability during the proposed extension:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- Chile is currently seriously affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has meant sharp drops in production, investment, employment, entrepreneurship and family income. These circumstances have produced significant damage to the national economy and, unfortunately, resources have had to be prioritized to face this pandemic, to the detriment of other international activities and commitments, as is the case with this Convention.
- The Chilean Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) are currently operating - according to national legislation of the State of Constitutional Exception of "Catastrophe" - in tasks of protection of Chilean citizens in terms of security and support, logistics and health, aimed at minimizing the serious negative effect of this pandemic.
- Everything described above affected the full compliance with Ministerial Order No. 2 "Provides Activities for Compliance with the Convention on Cluster Munitions in the framework of Defense". Indeed, at the date of preparation of this extension request, the Technical Surveys (TS) have not been able to be executed.
- 10. Humanitarian, social, economic and environmental implications of the proposed extension:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- 11. All contact details of the national focal person with whom follow up will be conducted:
  - Mr. Valentín Segura, Head of the International Cooperation Department of the International Relations Division of the Defense Undersecretariat, (vsegura@ssdefensa.gov.cl).

## C. Detailed narrative

- 1. Origins of the Article 4 challenges to meeting the deadline:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- Chile is currently seriously affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has meant sharp drops in production, investment, employment, entrepreneurship and family income. These circumstances have produced significant damage to the national economy and, unfortunately, resources have had to be prioritized to face this pandemic, to the detriment of other international activities and commitments, as is the case with this Convention.
- The Chilean Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) are currently operating - according to national legislation of the State of Constitutional Exception of "Catastrophe" - in tasks of protection of Chilean citizens in terms of security and support, logistics and health, aimed at minimizing the serious negative effect of this pandemic.
- Everything described above affected the full compliance with Ministerial Order No. 2 "Provides Activities for Compliance with the Convention on Cluster Munitions in the framework of Defense". Indeed, at the date of preparation of this extension request, the Technical Surveys (TS) have not been able to be executed.
- 2. Methods used to identify areas containing cluster munitions (in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS)):
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/. (Page 9)

- 3. Existing national demining structures and capacities:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

<u>https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/</u>. (Page 9)

- 4. Nature and extent of the progress made to date using terminology and providing information in a manner consistent with IMAS:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/. (Pages 9-10)

- 5. Resources made available to support progress made to date:
  - > They have not been designated to date, due to the negative effects of the country's economy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- 6. Methods and standards used to release suspected areas, including quality assurance standards
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/. (Page 10)

- 7. Efforts undertaken in the effective exclusion of civilians from suspected areas:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/. (Pages 10-13)

- 8. Nature and extent of the remaining challenges, using terminology contained within, and in a manner consistent with IMAS:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:
  - <u>https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/</u>. (Page 14)
- 9. Humanitarian, social, economic and environmental implications of the proposed extension:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/. (Page 14)

- 10. Institutional, financial, technical and human means and resources available and / or necessary in order to meet remaining challenges:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- Chile is currently seriously affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has meant sharp drops in production, investment, employment, entrepreneurship and family income. These circumstances have produced significant damage to the national economy and, unfortunately, resources have had to be prioritized to face this pandemic, to the detriment of other international activities and commitments, as is the case with this Convention.
- The Chilean Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) are currently operating - according to national legislation of the State of Constitutional Exception of "Catastrophe" - in tasks of protection of Chilean citizens in terms of security and support, logistics and health, aimed at minimizing the serious negative effect of this pandemic.
- Everything described above affected the full compliance with Ministerial Order No. 2 "Provides Activities for Compliance with the Convention on Cluster Munitions in the framework of Defense". Indeed, at the date of preparation of this extension request, the Technical Surveys (TS) have not been able to be executed.
- 11. Amount of time requested and reasoning behind the amount of time requested:

> Duration of the requested extension:

## 1 year, from June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023.

- > Reasons for requesting an extension of that duration:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

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- Chile is currently seriously affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has meant sharp drops in production, investment, employment, entrepreneurship and family income. These circumstances have produced significant damage to the national economy and, unfortunately, resources have had to be prioritized to face this pandemic, to the detriment of other international activities and commitments, as is the case with this Convention.
- The Chilean Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) are currently operating according to national legislation of the State of Constitutional Exception of "Catastrophe" in tasks of protection of Chilean citizens in terms of security and support, logistics and health, aimed at minimizing the serious negative effect of this pandemic.
- Everything described above affected the full compliance with Ministerial Order No. 2 "Provides Activities for Compliance with the Convention on Cluster Munitions in the framework of Defense". Indeed, at the date of preparation of this extension request, the Technical Surveys (TS) have not been able to be executed.
- Counting on the results of the Technical Surveys, the detailed planning for the cleaning of the 4 suspected contaminated areas would begin.
- 12. Detailed work plan covering the amount of time requested, with measurable benchmarks:
  - The provisions of the Extension Request submitted on July 10, 2020 are maintained, which is available on the Convention's website at the following link:

https://www.clusterconvention.org/er2rc/. (Pages 19 - 21)

- 13. Circumstances that may impede the ability of the State Party to destroy all cluster munitions remnants located in areas under its jurisdiction or control during the proposed extension:
  - > That the COVID-19 Pandemic continues and not being able to have the necessary resources, due to other national priorities.
- 14. Any other information relevant to the request for the proposed extension:
  - Chile maintains its will to comply with this international commitment, using national means and resources.
  - The greatest danger currently affecting Chile is the COVID-19 Pandemic. The effects of COVID-19 are still unsuspected and could, eventually, force Chile to continue deriving significant resources from the different National Financial Programs to meet urgent health and / or social needs of the Chilean population.
  - > In the case of not having national resources, it is planned to request international aid.

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