

CMC Comments on Extension Request by Chile

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Thank you, Mr. President,

While it is very unfortunate that Chile has not yet been able to carry out its planned technical survey (or clearance) at its four military ranges suspected to contain cluster munition contamination, the Cluster Munition Coalition is pleased that Chile has now developed and presented a comprehensive plan for technical survey at all four locations.

We also appreciate the update on progress made so far, that Chile shared today.

Chile's plan is clear and details specific tasks and their timelines, as well as survey capacity and equipment devoted to each of the sites. It also presents a clear budget and clarifies that Chile will cover the entire cost of the presented plan, with no donor funding needed. This is certainly commendable.

The CMC asks Chile to make every effort to complete the survey as planned by the end of the year. Once the contamination baseline is established early next year Chile should proceed to clearing all its confirmed contamination without any further delay. Should Chile not be able to complete clearance of its confirmed contamination within the requested time-frame, Chile should notify States Parties immediately of the reasons for delay so that appropriate remedial action can be taken. In this regard, we encourage Chile to provide regular updates on its survey and clearance efforts as well as any potential challenges it may encounter.

Lastly, I would like to thank the analysis group for their inclusive, thorough and persistent manner in considering this and all other extension requests.

Thank you.