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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and has the honour to submit herewith, enclosed, a formal request for a further extension, until 31 December 2023, of the deadline for the destruction of cluster munitions possessed by the Bulgarian Armed Forces in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention.

A production incident in December 2020 in the utilization facility of the implementing Italian company, "Esplosenti Sabino" Srl., interrupted the destruction process and caused a significant delay to the transfer to Italy of the remaining lot 3 quantities of cluster munitions. Transportation activities could only be resumed as of 02 February 2022.

The Coordination Committee of the Convention was duly informed on the matter at its sessions on 05 and 28 of April 2022. Further information related to the reasons as well as the actions undertaken to complete the destruction process by the end of 2023 will be provided by the Bulgarian delegation for the CCM Intersessional Meeting, 16-17 April 2022.

We would like to kindly request that the current note verbal is made available to H.E. Ambassador Aidan Liddle, President of the Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, scheduled from 30 August to 2 September 2022.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions the assurances of its highest consideration.

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