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**Speech By Chile Ministry Of Defense At The 2022  
Intersessional Meeting of the Convention on Cluster  
Munitions**

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Mr President, distinguished delegates:

Like many other countries, Chile has been seriously impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has forced the prioritization of resources, affecting different activities and international commitments, as is the case of this Convention.

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Last year, Chile submitted an extension request for the execution of the Technical Surveys, which ended in December 2021.

Its result made it possible to reduce the suspicious area of **64,6 Km<sup>2</sup>**, ultimately leaving a confirmed area of **30,7 Km<sup>2</sup>**, which represents a reduction of **52.4%**.

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Taking into consideration our national reality, to comply with Article 4 of the Convention, Chile has decided to request an extension for 3 years, from June 1, 2023 and until June 1, 2026, and the following work plan has been prepared, which considers 4 stages:

### **Stage 1: "Organization" (executed)**

In February 2022, the Department for the Implementation of Conventions on Explosive Remnants of War (DICOR) was created in the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **Stage 2: "Financing" (in execution)**

The Ministry of National Defense, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, requested the necessary financial resources to carry out the removal and destruction of cluster munitions remnants, which amount to approximately **US\$2,000,000** for the entire operation.

According to Chilean regulations, the result of this request will be known in December 2022.

### **Stage 3: "Preparation" (First semester 2023)**

In this stage, the reorganization of the means, the qualification and training of EOD Units and their technical equipment will be carried out.

The Technical Units are made up of specialists without gender discrimination.

### **Stage 4: "Operations" (July 2023 to June 2026)**

Execution of operations to clear and destroy cluster munitions remnants in the 4 Confirmed Hazardous Areas (CHA).

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Mr. President, I would like to reiterate that the Confirmed Hazardous Areas (CHA) correspond exclusively to four controlled military ranges, where cluster munitions have not been used for more than 12 years.

Chile has no registered victims of cluster munitions, Law 21,021 of 2017 was enacted, which Provides Repair and Rehabilitation

Assistance to Victims of Explosion of Mines or Other Abandoned or Unexploded Military Explosive Devices.

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Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I conclude my words by thanking the collaboration and permanent accompaniment that we have had during this period by the Presidency of the Convention and its Analysis Group of Article 4. Also, in a special way, allow me to highlight and thank the work of the Implementation Support Unit ISU of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

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Thank you very much indeed.