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INTRODUCTION TO THE ANALYSIS OF CHILE'S REQUEST

On 14 April 2011, I received a request submitted by Chile.

As was the case with other requesting States Parties, during the week of 20 to 24 June 2011, the analyzing group met informally with representatives of Chile in order to gain a better understanding of the request.

In addition, as with other requests, the analyzing group benefited from expert input provided by the ICRC and ICBL.

The analyzing group was grateful for its collaboration with Chile.

Some of our key observations with respect to this request are as follows:

- We noted that the amount of mined area indicated by Chile includes a security perimeter which takes into consideration the radius of a possible anti-personnel or anti-tank explosion and that the size of this security perimeter varies depending on a number of circumstances.
- We noted with satisfaction that Chile is employing the full range of methods to permit the safe return of land to the populations.

In this context, we encouraged Chile to continue improving land release and certification techniques which could lead to Chile fulfilling its obligations in a shorter time frame.

- We noted that completion of Article 5 implementation in a shorter period could benefit both the Convention and Chile itself given the indication by Chile of the socio-economic benefits that will flow from demining.
- Finally, we noted that Chile was demonstrating a high level of national ownership by funding the implementation of its demining plan.

Our conclusions with respect to this request are as follows:

- We concluded that it would be useful if Chile could provide greater clarity on its plans to use non-technical and technical survey to release land and how such survey activities might affect its overall work plan.

In this context, the analysing group also encouraged Chile to revise its national mine action standards and policies to include land release methods.

Also in this context, we concluded that it would be important for Chile to continue to report on its progress in a manner consistent with commitments the States Parties had made through the adoption of the Cartagena Action Plan by providing information disaggregated by release through clearance, technical survey and non-technical survey.

- We concluded that, while the plan presented is workable, the fact that Chile indicates that it has implemented enhanced processes to release land suggests that Chile may find itself in a situation wherein it could proceed with implementation faster than that suggested by the amount of time requested.
- Finally, we concluded that the provision of annual milestones of progress to be achieved, which Chile included in its request, will greatly assist both Chile and all States Parties in assessing progress during the extension period.

In this regard, the analysing group further noted that both could benefit if Chile provided updates relative to the annual milestones of expected progress at meetings of the Standing Committees, Meetings of the States Parties, and at the Review Conferences.