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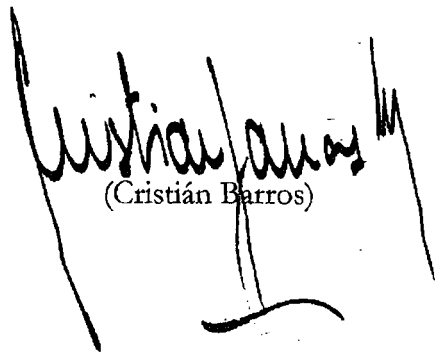
Excellency,

I have the honor to address you in connection to the World Humanitarian held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 23 and 24 May 2016.

In this regard, I have the honor to attach for its registration the commitments of Chile to the World Humanitarian Summit. Most of them were uploaded in the Platform and the other needs to be registered.

I kindly request your good offices to include them in the Commitments to Action document to be published soon by the Secretariat.

Excellency, I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.



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Chile's Commitments World Humanitarian Summit 2016

Chile adheres to the following commitments:

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY:

Core commitment 1: Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.

Core commitment 2: Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.

Core Commitment 3: Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.

Core commitment 4: Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.

Core commitment 5: Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

Additional commitments

- Chile will strengthen the training of the personnel deployed in peacekeeping operations in the area of Protection of Civilians
- Chile commits to become a party to the Arms Trade Treaty and promote universal adherence to it.

- Chile commits to become a party to the Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and promote universal adherence to it.
- Chile commits to become a party to the Amendments on the Crime of Aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and promote universal adherence to it.
- Chile commits to engage constructively in an intergovernmental process to find agreement on the functions and features of a potential forum of States on international humanitarian law and ways to enhance the implementation of international humanitarian law, in conformity with resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015.
- Chile will promote and disseminate in the formation of its Armed Forces the Guidelines to prevent military use of schools and universities during armed conflict.
- Chile commits to promote and respect the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence through the dissemination of these among its Armed Forces and non-governmental organizations involved in the matter.

Joint Commitment on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Luxemburg, Germany, Guatemala, Serbia, Thailand, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Ukraine and Chile:

- We pledge to continue to promote ratification of and accession to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention by States. We remain gravely concerned about the continued use of anti-personnel mines and strongly condemn any such use by any actor. We further pledge to uphold our commitment to meet the humanitarian goal of the Convention – a world free from the use and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines, and to put an end to the suffering caused by anti-personnel mines through their complete eradication.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYSING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- **Commitment 1:** Empower Women and Girls as agents of change and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.
- **Commitment 2:** Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- **Commitment 3:** Implement a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis contexts, including through the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies.
- **Commitment 4:** Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.
- **Commitment 5:** Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.

Additional commitments:

- Chile is committed to promoting the inclusion of a gender perspective in all its activities throughout the construction, maintenance and consolidation of peace by strengthening the role of public gender specialists and their inclusion in conflict prevention and peace processes.
- Chile is committed to promote, generate and expand measures to ensure the protection of the rights of women and girls in peace operations, conflict areas and post conflict situations.
- Chile is committed to encouraging the presence and participation of women in peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions.

- Chile is committed to promoting the protection of the human rights of women and girls in peace operations, in times of conflict and post conflict situations through the diffusion of international instruments related to the protection of the Human Rights of women and girls.
- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights of all women and adolescent girls in crisis situations in accordance with the Cairo Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of their review conferences.
- Chile commits to promoting greater representation and participation of women in the decision-making bodies of peacebuilding the processes, increasing its participation to 20 % by 2020 (compared to 2015)
- Chile commits to strengthening the prevention violence against women in any context, including contexts of crisis and emergency situations.
- Chile commits to continue to: 1) adopt first response measures in emergencies, particularly offering emotional support in crisis situations and providing psychosocial care; 2) promote women's rights; 3) strengthening women's organizations in emergencies (to address specific and strategic needs), 4) strengthen measures to prevent violence against women, and 5) adopt measures related to education, sexual health and prevention of unwanted pregnancy.

NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY

- **Core Commitment 1:** Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.
- **Core Commitment 2:** Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and

recovery arrangements.

- **Core Commitment 3:** Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning systems, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.
- **Core Commitment 4:** Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.
- **Core Commitment 5:** Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.