



Invitation to the Intersessional Meeting 2013 Convention on Cluster Munitions

Geneva, 4 February 2013

**To
The States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions,
Signatory and Observer States and
Interested Organisations**

Dear Colleagues,

In my capacity as the President of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (3MSP CCM), it is my pleasure to invite you to the Intersessional Meeting of the CCM to be held in Geneva 15-18 April 2013.

The Intersessional Meeting has been moved forward one day and will be divided in two parts. Monday 15 April will be a day of technical workshops envisioned as forums for specialists and operators, convened by the Thematic Coordinators and the Interim ISU (UNDP/BCPR). These workshops will be dedicated to the issues of clearance, stockpile destruction, victim assistance, reporting and cooperation and assistance. The Intersessional Meeting itself will take place from Tuesday 16 April to Thursday, 18 April (2,5 days), and will provide the opportunity to review progress being made in implementing the Convention, and to prepare for the Fourth Meeting of States Parties (4MSP) scheduled for September 2013 in Lusaka, Zambia.

The meeting, which is being organized with support from the Interim ISU (UNDP/BCPR), will take place in the World Meteorological Organization building. All information relating to the programme of the Intersessional Meeting and practical issues,

including registration, will be available on the CCM website: <http://www.clusterconvention.org/>. Registration will open from 5 February.

A limited sponsorship programme administered by the Interim ISU (UNDP/BCPR) and the GICHD is available for one government representative from eligible low-income and affected states. If you are interested in such sponsorship, we encourage you to contact the ISU team at the following address: ccm.contact@undp.org.

Please note that since 12 December 2008 Switzerland has been an associated Member State of the Schengen Agreement and hence Schengen regulations apply for the entry. The process of acquiring a Schengen visa takes up to one month once the application is completed, or more at Swiss representations where biometric visas are issued. Therefore it is strongly recommended that delegates contact the Swiss representation at their place of residence as soon as possible for information about visa application procedures. Please visit Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs website where the delegates will find information about visa applications and the list of Swiss representations abroad: www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps.html.

The visa application form can be downloaded on the web-page of Switzerland's Federal Office of Migration where further information about the entry to Switzerland is available: www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise.html.

I hope to see the participation of your country at this meeting and that the meeting will be an opportunity to receive your contributions to the development of the Lusaka Progress Report.

Yours sincerely,



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