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## Media Advisory

**Geneva 12 April 12, 2013**

**Event: Intersessional Meeting to the Convention on Cluster Munitions**

**Where: World Meteorological Organization building, Geneva**

**When: April 15-18**

From April 15-18 the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), a global civil society coalition working to end the harm caused by cluster bombs, will join around 100 governments at the Intersessional Meeting of the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions.

The Convention on Cluster Munitions has been highly successful in addressing and reducing the threat to individuals and communities worldwide from these banned weapons. Today 112 countries have joined the Convention on Cluster Munitions, of which 81 are States Parties, including Andorra who acceded last week. Full universalization of the convention remains the number one priority for the CMC with campaigners worldwide calling on governments to ratify and accede to the convention as a matter of urgency.

CMC members, including cluster munition victims will participate in formal discussion and workshops on convention related issues seeking to collectively bring an end to the damage caused by these devastating weapons. Specialists will lead discussion on cluster munition clearance, stockpile destruction, victim assistance, reporting and international cooperation and assistance.

Side meetings will include presentations by CMC members on victim's rights and efforts to stop worldwide investments in cluster munitions as well as a Tuesday 16 April presentation and discussion on cluster munition use in Syria.

### **Focus on Syria**

The Syrian government's recent use of cluster munitions has been widespread and is ongoing. In a recent statement the current President of the Convention on Cluster Munitions Ambassador Steffen Kongstad of Norway called on states to condemn use in Syria, and fifteen governments have done so to date.

The CMC is also calling for Syrian forces to immediately halt use of this banned weapon, for governments worldwide to continue to condemn use of cluster munitions in Syria and for all countries yet to join the Convention on Cluster Munitions to do so without delay to prevent future atrocities.

CMC will be providing updates throughout the week of key statements and developments, as well as posting multimedia, via our social media channels and on our website (below). Additionally, there will opportunities to speak with a wide range of cluster munitions campaigners, researchers and victims.

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## Media Resources

- **CMC Homepage** - <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/>
- **CMC webpage on Syria** - <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/syria/>
- **CMC YouTube Channel** - [http://www.youtube.com/my\\_videos?o=U](http://www.youtube.com/my_videos?o=U)
- **Convention on Cluster Munitions** - <http://www.clusterconvention.org/>
- **CMC on Flickr** - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/clustermunitioncoalition/>
- **CMC Facebook** - <http://www.facebook.com/banclusterbombs?ref=hl>
- **CMC Twitter** - <https://twitter.com/banclusterbombs>
- **Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor**: For more facts on landmine and cluster munitions issues globally, and to view detailed country profiles, visit <http://www.the-monitor.org/index.php>