Importance and advantages of joining the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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The Solution

- 2008 Convention on Cluster Munition
- Legally binding international treaty
- Comprehensive global ban on cluster munitions
- Disarmament and humanitarian elements
- Entered into force on 1 August 2010

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2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions

Prohibited to:

• Produce, stockpile and transfer cluster munitions (Art. 1)

State Parties must:

• Destruct stockpiles (Art. 3)
• Clear contaminated areas (Art. 4)
• Assist victims (Art. 5)
• Provide technical, material and financial assistance to States Parties (Art. 6)
• Be transparent by reporting on the status of treaty implementation (Art. 7)
The Convention Is Working

- 116 countries have joined (91 States Parties)
- 18 countries have ceased production
- 140 million stockpiled submunitions destroyed
- Cluster munition-affected land is being cleared, with help from other states
- Victims are receiving increased assistance
- The stigma against cluster munitions is strong
Why All States Should Reject Cluster Munitions

Cluster munitions are:

• Outdated weapons
• Counterproductive for modern warfare
• Poor defensive weapons
• Condemned by the international community
• Banned under international humanitarian law

⇒ It is not strategically sensible or politically acceptable to use cluster munitions
Why all states should prioritise the CCM

• Prevent further harm to civilians and end indiscriminate killing
• Show solidarity with people and communities that have suffered from cluster munition use
• Join a diverse group of states that have already rejected these weapons
• Strengthen the global stigma
• Promote human security and address armed violence
• Be an inspiration and protector of other countries by standing up and say ‘never again’
• Gain access to international cooperation and assistance
• Being part of a life-saving treaty and making your children proud!

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Next steps

• Make it your cause
• All states should ratify or accede to the Convention on Cluster Munitions quickly
• Promote the treaty and the norm against cluster munitions
  – Discourage use
  – Condemn any new use
• Find out more at: www.stopclustermunitions.org | www.the-monitor.org | www.clusterconvention.org