



# 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



## 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions

Prohibited to:

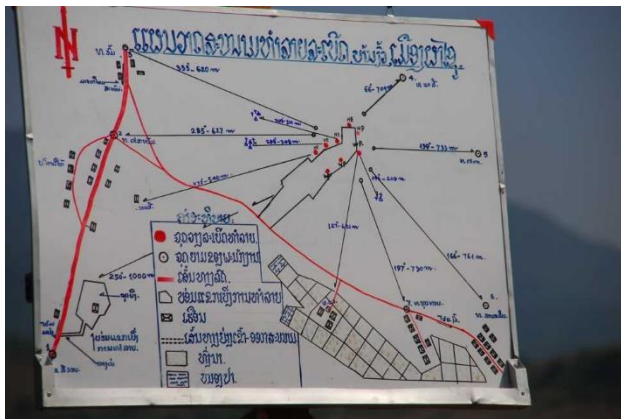
- Produce, stockpile and transfer cluster munitions (Art. 1)

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:

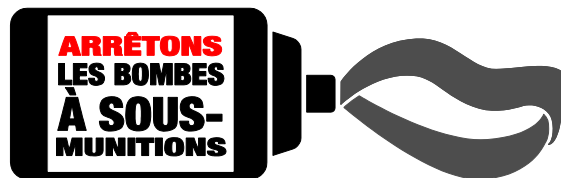
- Outdated weapons
- Counterproductive for modern warfare
- Poor defensive weapons
- Condemned by the international community
- Banned under international humanitarian law

⇒ 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!



## 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](http://www.stopclustermunitions.org) | [www.the-monitor.org](http://www.the-monitor.org) | [www.clusterconvention.org](http://www.clusterconvention.org)

