

# First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

07-11 September 2015, Dubrovnik, Croatia



## What is the First Review Conference about?

Every five years, the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) has a Review Conference where governments, the Cluster Munition Coalition and international organizations gather to assess progress and address challenges in universalizing and implementing the Convention.

The First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions will take place from 7 to 11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Heads of States and Ministers will be invited to participate in a high level segment of the conference on 7 and 8 September. It will be open to all States including to non-signatory states and relevant international organizations and nongovernmental organizations to take part as observers.

The purpose of the Dubrovnik Conference is to review the operation and status of the Convention, take decisions on submissions of States Parties and to provide a roadmap for the work ahead.

The Dubrovnik Conference will mark 5 years since the entry into force of the Convention. It should provide momentum for significant new accomplishments. The Conference is a significant opportunity for the international community to build upon the remarkable achievements, address implementation challenges and to ensure non-signatory states join the Convention.

The Dubrovnik Conference will be hosted and presided by the Government of Croatia.

## What are states expected to do before the Conference?

The Cluster Munition Coalition, expects:

- States not party to the Convention should move forward towards global ban and announce joining the Convention in the lead up to the Dubrovnik Conference.
- States Parties to the Convention should prepare for the Conference with clear updates on progress made and plan to address challenges ahead in achieving the Treaty obligations. They should also actively encourage other states to join the Convention.

- International community should strongly condemn any use of cluster munitions, in particular the confirmed use in 2014-2015 in Libya, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen.

### **What are states expected to do at the Conference?**

The Cluster Munition Coalition wants the Dubrovnik Conference to strongly signal that cluster munitions continue to be a problem and that the Convention on Cluster Munitions is the best possible framework for addressing it. We expect all states to:

- **Attend the Conference at a ministerial or higher level**  
High-level participation will show that the states continue to place a high priority on ridding the world of cluster munitions and that they will give full political support to the outcome of the Conference. Affected states should include cluster munition survivors as part of their official delegation to the Conference.
- **Report achievements and plans addressing challenges ahead**  
States Parties are expected to share updates on recent progress they have made on Convention's obligations and commitments under the Vientiane Action Plan.
- **States not party to the Convention are expected to announce joining the Convention or to commit taking concrete steps towards ratification or accession.**

States are expected to:

- **Adopt final Conference [outcome documents](#)**

The outcome documents are being developed by States Parties ahead of the Conference and will be formally adopted in Dubrovnik. These include:

- *Review of the Operation and Status of the Convention, 2010-2015* – it will document the progress made by States Parties since the 2010 First Meeting of States Parties in fulfilling obligations under the Convention.
- *The Dubrovnik Action Plan 2015-2019 (DAP)* – a new five-year action plan that will provide with a roadmap for States Parties to implement and universalize the Convention.
- *Political Declaration of the States Parties* - to reaffirm their commitments for full implementation and universalization of the Convention.
- *Proposal for a programme of meetings and machinery* – programme of meetings and related machinery to effectively respond to the realities of the Convention.

- *Proposal for financing the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention* – a financing mechanism to enable sustainable operation of the ISU.

### **How can delegates register, prepare for and participate in the Conference?**

#### ➤ **Invitation**

A [note verbale](#) inviting States Parties and states not party was sent by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in December 2014.

The Government of Croatia as host and President-Designate of the Dubrovnik Conference also sent a letter of invitation addressed to heads of states.

#### ➤ **Sponsorship program**

A limited sponsorship program is available for low-income and affected states. To apply for sponsorship, state representatives should get in touch with the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention before 1 August 2015 through: [info@clusterconvention.org](mailto:info@clusterconvention.org).

#### ➤ **Registration**

All delegates have to register online. Online registration is open on the conference's website at: <http://1rc.clusterconvention.org/registration/>

All delegates are required to formally register for the conference. The details of delegation planning to participate in the Dubrovnik Conference should be submitted not later than 26 August 2015, to:

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)  
Palais des Nations, office C-113.1  
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland  
Fax: +41-22-917-00-54; e-mail [ccm@unog.ch](mailto:ccm@unog.ch); website [www.unog.ch/ccm](http://www.unog.ch/ccm)

#### ➤ **Visas and accommodation**

Information regarding entry visa for Croatia and accommodation is available on the conference website: <http://1rc.clusterconvention.org/>.

*For any questions related to the conference, please contact the organizers, all contact details are available at: <http://1rc.clusterconvention.org/contact/>*