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1. The Belgrade Conference

The Belgrade Conference on States Affected by Cluster Munitions is an initiative of the Government of Serbia that has gathered affected states together for the first time in order to discuss the issues of primary importance to these states in developing the new treaty on cluster munitions through the Oslo Process.

The conference took place on 3 and 4 October with an International Forum organised by the CMC on 2 October. The CMC has also organised a Campaigners' Workshop on 1 October for members of the CMC.

The list of affected states invited is: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Croatia, DR Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Montenegro, Russia (observer), Saudi Arabia, Serbia (host), Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen. A number of interested states have been invited in addition to affected states: Austria, Belgium, Canada (Canadian International Development Agency), Czech Republic, Holy See, Hungary, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom (Department for International Development).

2. Governments that attended the Belgrade Conference

22 governments from affected states participated in the conference:

Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Croatia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Kuwait, Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, Viet Nam and Yemen.

3. Key documents

[CMC Lobbying Guide for Belgrade](#)

[Conference Agenda](#)

[CMC Belgrade International Forum Agenda](#)

[Media Advisory: 27 September](#)

[Press Release: 2 October](#)

[Press Release: 4 October](#)

4. Summary of Events

[Belgrade Conference Report](#)

[Summary of events: 2 October 2007](#)

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5. International Forum Speeches

Emil Jeremic: [Welcome and introduction](#)

Branislav Kapetanovic: **What are cluster munitions and what is the problem?**
(General approach)

Rae McGrath: [What are cluster munitions and what is the problem?](#) (Technical Aspects)

Laura Cheeseman: [The Oslo Process](#)

Grethe Ostern: [Principles for an Effective Treaty](#)

Umarbek Pulodov: [Advocating for a treaty banning cluster munitions](#)

Amb. Bratislav Djordjevic: [The Serbian Initiative](#)

Mark Hiznay: [Global overview of cluster munitions](#)

Paul Eavis: [The impact of cluster munitions on development](#)

Somnuk Vorasarn: [The impact of cluster munitions in Laos](#)

Hassan Hamdan: **Cluster munitions in Lebanon**

Thomas Nash: [CMC appeal to governments](#)

CMC interventions during the conference can be found in the Conference Report (see **4. Summary of Events**)